

2020 CCHS State Seal of Biliteracy



What is Biliteracy?

Biliteracy is the ability to speak, read, and write in two languages at a proficient level.

What is the State Seal of Biliteracy?

The State Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition given to high school seniors who have studied and can exhibit the ability to communicate in two or more languages (including English) by the spring of their senior year of high school. The State Seal of Biliteracy is a statement of accomplishment for college admission and for future employers.

Why implement the State Seal of Biliteracy Initiative?

Though school district participation in this initiative is voluntary, **Carbondale Community High School District 165** considers the State Seal of Biliteracy to be consistent with the current district priorities and believes it aligns with the CCHS vision of promoting multilingualism, biliteracy, and inter-cultural flexibility as key contributors to students' success in college and career.

Who qualifies for the State Seal of Biliteracy?

The State Seal of Biliteracy is intended for all students who have mastered standard academic English and any other language. Students who are native English speakers, English Learners (ELs) and/or bilingual speakers will be eligible for the State Seal of Biliteracy.

CCHS will consider awarding the State Seal of Biliteracy to graduating seniors who complete an [application and meet the requirements by the deadlines indicated](#).

They also must demonstrate proficiency in English and a second language based on the test results explained below:

- **English:** An acceptable score on the SAT or ACT assessment will be required. For students who have been designated as English Learners at some point during high school, meeting state proficiency through ACCESS will be sufficient.
- **Secondary Language:** A test score of 15 or higher on the AAPPL assessment, or a score of 4 or higher on an AP World Language exam administered by The College Board prior to the applicant's senior year of high School. If a student scores at least an 11, or a score of 3 on the AP exam, they will receive the **State Commendation Toward Biliteracy** seal shown below as long as the English requirement is met.



How does a student prepare for the State Seal of Biliteracy?

Freshmen and Sophomores can focus on a specific language of their choice to be better prepared for testing that will take place in either their senior year of high school. In the future, Pathways for Biliteracy may begin to be implemented for K-8 students. These Pathways will further encourage the study of world languages at an early age.

Go to <https://www.languagetesting.com/aapl2-demo> choose form B for a test demo.

Want to apply for the State Seal of Biliteracy?

If you are a high school SENIOR interested in applying for the State Seal of Biliteracy, please fill out the application here and return to Mr. Taylor by 3/2/2020 along with a \$20.00 check payable to CCHS. The testing date and time is 3/26/2020 at 1:00pm in Lab B202 and there is no make-up test. For more information or if you have any questions please contact the Coordinator, Mr. Taylor at arnold.taylor@cchs165.com .

This Registration is DUE MARCH 2, 2020



State Seal of Biliteracy Application



Date _____ IL state student ID number _____

First name of SENIOR _____ Last name of SENIOR _____

CCHS student ID number _____ Birth date (month/day/year) _____

Language other than English to be tested _____

Most recent ACT/SAT English score _____

You must attach a copy of either ACT or SAT indicating the score*

Dear Student,

In order to be considered, please read the attached application information and return this application with attachments* and a **\$20 check payable to CCHS** to Mr. Taylor by **3/2/2020 to register** for the 3/26/2020 test date. On March 26, bring your headsets with a microphone, or one will be provided at the test site. This is the only test date and there will not be any make-ups.

Thank you!