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The Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy

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What is the Seal?

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, district, or state in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in English and one additional language by high school graduation.

Why is it for me?

The Seal of Biliteracy encourages students to pursue biliteracy, honors the skills our students attain, and can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices.

How do I prove to colleges or employers that I earned the Seal?

The Seal will be attached to your diploma upon graduation as proof that you are on the path to biliteracy. Also, it will be noted on your transcript that you have achieved the Seal and are proficient in English and one other language. Additionally, many universities offer college credit in language classes to those students who have achieved the seal.

How do I get the Seal?

Students who earn the Seal of Biliteracy have proven that they are proficient in English and one other language. **Students can use the ACT to prove proficiency in English (ELA score of 540) and the AAPPL test (score of Intermediate High) to prove proficiency in Spanish, French, and many other languages.** Minooka Community High School will pay the testing fee for seniors and provide a testing location at the school. The test will be administered in the Spring of your senior year. This year, we will offer AAPPL testing in Spanish, French, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Italian. If you are bilingual in English and one of these languages, please contact the program coordinator if you are interested. Even if your language is not on the list, we will try to accommodate you.

What does the AAPPL test look like?

The AAPPL test is an online exam that evaluates students based on six tasks from four modes of communication. The four modes of communication assessed are Interpersonal Listening and Speaking, Interpretive Reading, Interpretive Listening, and Presentational Writing. Tasks include listening to and responding orally to native speakers on familiar topics, responding to prompts based off of a written narrative, and writing an email on a familiar topic. MCHS will provide a testing environment, and headphones for its students.

When will I know my score?

Your score on the Interpretive Listening and Reading portions of the tests will be available immediately after testing. The Interpersonal Speaking and Presentational Writing tasks will be scored by a certified AAPPL scorer and will be available within two weeks. You will be rated on the ACTFL Proficiency Scale from Novice Low to Advanced. **Students who score Intermediate High or better in all categories will receive the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy, assuming a proficiency score of 540 on the English SAT.**