

**SPS STUDENT APPLICATION
SEAL OF BILITERACY
2017-2018**

Background:

Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy signed HB NO 7159 on 6/6/17. The Constitution State became the 27th state to offer the Seal of Biliteracy.

Directions to Senior Applicants:

1. Submit application to your guidance counselor no later than March 9, 2018.
2. You will meet the Department Head of World Language or designee to set up a pathway to potentially achieving the Seal by March 31, 2018.
3. Submit documentation of qualifying scores to your guidance counselor no later than the Tuesday after Memorial Day of 2018 (5/29/2018).

Directions to Junior Applicants:

1. Submit application to your guidance counselor no later than March 9, 2018.
2. You will meet the Department Head of World Language or designee to set up a pathway to potentially achieving the Seal by September 30, 2018.
3. Submit documentation of qualifying scores to your guidance counselor no later than the Tuesday after Memorial Day of your graduating year.

I wish to receive the Seal of Biliteracy on my high school diploma and transcripts.

Name: _____ **Today's Date:** _____

Current Grade Level: _____ **Expected Year of Graduation:** _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

Assessment information used to document proficiency in a language other than English:

Language	Name of Assessment	Date Completed	Score*

*Attach copy of score report

For World Language DH or Designee use only

Passing Score achieved on language assessment **YES** **NO**

DH of World Language or Designee signature:

For Guidance Counselor use only

Qualifications Checklist for a Seal of Biliteracy:

- ___ Completed all graduation requirements, including 4 years of English..
- ___ Acceptable evidence of proficiency in at least one language in addition to English.

Student awarded Seal of Biliteracy? ___ Yes ___ No

*** Special Process for School Year 2017-2018**

- I. High school seniors must complete the application submit to their guidance office by March 9, 2018.
 - A. Application is available online on each high school's home page and in each high school's Guidance Office.
 - B. By March 31 of the graduating senior's last school year (2018), the Seal of Biliteracy applicant will meet with the Department Head of World Language, or designee, to review the criteria and set up a pathway to achieving the seal.
 - C. Students must submit all test scores by the Tuesday after Memorial Day of their graduating year in order to walk at graduation with honorary cord.

- II. High school juniors who are interested in applying for the Seal of Biliteracy must complete the application and submit to their guidance counselor by March 9, 2018.
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 - C. Students must submit all test scores by the Tuesday after Memorial Day of their graduating year in order to walk at graduation with honorary cord.