

KANSAS SEAL OF BILITERACY

Are you learning another language in school?

Do you already speak another language?

The Seal of Biliteracy is a credential for high school graduates who have attained intermediate and advanced proficiencies in English and one or more additional language(s).

TWO LEVELS OF PROFICIENCY



SILVER

With the Silver Seal of Biliteracy (intermediate mid), potential employers can depend on you to use your second language skills in sales, reception and other service jobs.



GOLD

With the Gold Seal of Biliteracy (advanced low), you qualify to use your language skills in jobs such as a K-12 language teacher, firefighter, nurse, 911 dispatcher, customer service representative and legal aid, and you are ready to succeed academically at the postsecondary level.

BENEFITS



There are many economic, cognitive, social and health benefits to becoming multilingual.

- Colleges are beginning to accept the Seal of Biliteracy for retroactive college credit. Ask the admissions office or the college advisor whether their school accepts the Seal of Biliteracy.
- More than half the world speaks multiple languages.
- Travel to more places in the world, not as a tourist, but as an engaged citizen of the world.
- Expand your access to other medias. You'll understand more music, books and movies.
- Expand your career choices and the locations in the world you can work.
- Increase your potential. Nine out of 10 United States employers rely on employees with language skills other than English. One-third report a high dependency on language skills.
- A recent study shows that being multilingual slows the onset of mental decline caused by dementia.

LANGUAGES*

- American Sign Language
- Amharic
- Arabic
- Armenian
- Chin (Hakha)
- Mandarin Chinese
- Czech
- English
- Farsi/Persian
- Filipino
- French
- German
- Haitian-Creole
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hmong
- Ilocano
- Kickapoo
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latin
- Pashto
- Pawnee
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Samoan
- Somali Maay
- Somali Maxaa
- Tagalog
- Tamil
- Telugu
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese
- Yup'ik
- and more ...

* Some of these languages do not yet have a formal assessment. The Seal of Biliteracy Alternate Assessment Protocol is an option for these languages.

NEXT STEPS

If you already speak a second language ...

- Proudly maintain your first language.
- Socialize with your friends and especially your family in your first language.
- Read, watch movies and listen to music in your first language.
- Take heritage language courses if they are offered at your school.
- Talk to your teacher or counselor about dates and cost for taking the assessment.

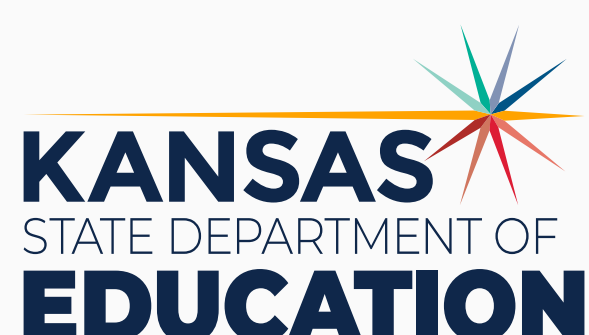
If you're learning a second language in school ...

- Begin language study as early as possible.
- Stay enrolled in consecutive language classes.
- Engage with your second language outside of the classroom.
- Talk to your teacher or counselor about dates and cost for taking the assessment.

GET MORE INFORMATION:

You can find more information by talking to your world language teacher, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher or counselor. For more information scan the QR code to the right or visit the link below.

<https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Career-Standards-and-Assessment-Services/Content-Area-M-Z/World-Languages/Seal-of-Biliteracy>



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