

Seal of Biliteracy in Georgia

Guidance at a glance

HB 879 was signed into law on May 3, 2016, establishing a Seal of Biliteracy for the state of Georgia.



REQUIREMENTS

All Georgia Public School Students are eligible.
 ASL and Latin students can earn the seal
 A student can earn the seal in multiple languages
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Completion of all English language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above in those classes.

Proficiency in one or more languages other than English, demonstrated by passing a foreign language Advanced Placement examination with a score of 4 or higher or an International Baccalaureate examination with a score of 5 or higher; provided, however, that for languages in which an Advanced Placement examination is not available, students may prove proficiency via the Tier 2 testing options below.

Important Timeline Information

Aug 1 – Sept 1 (*Reporting of Seals to be awarded Retroactively from previous year*)
Sept 2 – Oct 1 (*Distribution of retroactive Seals*)
April 1 – May 1 (*Reporting of Seals for current year Seniors*)
May 2 – May 30 (*Distribution of Senior Seals*)

Important Links

Biliteracy Seal Reporting [Link](#)
(Note – This link is inactive during distribution cycles)
Biliteracy Seal Info [Link](#) at GaDOE.

Chart of approved proficiency exams that meet the minimum requirement for Georgia’s seal of biliteracy

Please see the table below for approved proficiency exams and required minimum scores or proficiency levels. Please contact the Program Specialist for World Languages, Mr. Patrick Wallace at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us, to inquire about languages that are not listed.

Further clarification on these tests can be found on the GaDOE Website for the Seal of [Biliteracy](#)



	Test Name	Testing Organization	Minimum Qualifying Score
Tier 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Language Exams SL or HL Language B exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Board International Baccalaureate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 5 (SL or HL only)
Tier 2 (When Tier 1 test are not available at the school for tested language)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPI or OPic and WPT STAMP Test AvantWorldspeak ALTA Speaking/Writing Tests ACTFL - (AAPPL) ACTFL – (ALIRA) DELE – Spanish SIELE – Spanish Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Testing International Avant-STAMP 4S Assessments Avant ALTA Language Testing Language Testing International Language Testing International Cervantes Institute Servicio Internacional de Evaluación de la Lengua Española German Educational Ministers Office International Centre for French Studies Hanban Hanban National Technical Institute for the Deaf GALLAUDET National Inst. Internatl. Education (NIIED) CGL (Center for the Greek Language) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate High 6 Intermediate High 1+ Intermediate High Intermediate 4 B1 B1 DSD Level 1 Level B1 Level 3 Level 3 Intermediate Plus 3+ 4 Level B1