



# Who Can Receive the Seal?

## What is the Seal of Biliteracy?

## Timeline for Testing

The Michigan Seal of Biliteracy requires students to meet the following criteria:

- Meet graduation requirements
- Demonstrate Intermediate High proficiency on world language assessments



*Students are responsible for any assessment fees not covered by their school or school district.*

The Seal has been created to encourage students to study world languages and embrace their native and heritage languages. The Seal will provide employers with a way to identify individuals with strong language and biliteracy skills. The Seal may serve as an additional tool for colleges and universities to recognize applicants' language abilities for admission and placement.

The Michigan Department of Education recommends that a student's proficiency be tested for the purpose of awarding the Seal beginning his/her second semester of the junior year through the end of the first semester of the senior year of high school. Note that students tested in their senior year may not receive test results until summer of their graduating year. As a result, the Seal will be awarded retroactively following graduation.