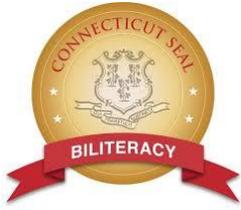


**Weston Public Schools
World Language Department
Pilot Project for CT Seal of Bi-literacy**



Introduction

The Connecticut State Seal of Bilingual Proficiency was established to recognize public high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in English and one or more world languages. Affixed on the high school diploma and transcript, the Seal of Bilingual Proficiency provides immediate recognition of a critical twenty-first century language and communication skill.

The Seal of Bilingual Proficiency recognizes the value of students' academic efforts, the tangible benefits of being bilingual and biliterate, and prepares students to be global citizens. Also, the Seal of Bilingual Proficiency provides recognition to English language learners (ELLs) for the great value of developing English and maintaining their primary language.

All students are eligible to receive the Seal of Bilingual Proficiency based on evidence of achieving the designated language proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. Students may demonstrate the state-determined level of proficiency in English, as well as one more additional language in grade 10, 11, or 12.

Eligibility

1. Students must complete all WPS English language arts requirements for graduation.
2. Students must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English in grades 10, 11, or 12 at a level comparable to "Intermediate Mid" on the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines as demonstrated through one of the specified assessment methods. For more information visit:

<https://www.actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-2012>

Assessments and Cost

This is a list of acceptable assessments for evidence, and their costs range from \$10 to \$140.

- AAPPL: www.AAPPL.org (\$20 for the 4 parts of the test – Score: Intermediate 3)
- AP World Language Exam (Score: 3 or higher)
- OPI and WPT: www.LanguageTesting.com (for advanced students: they can get college credit. \$140)
- ASL Proficiency Interview or Sign Language Proficiency (Score: Intermediate 3)
- Avant Stamp: <https://avantassessment.com/stamp4s> (\$17.50 - Score: Intermediate Mid)
- ALIRA Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment (\$10 – Score: Intermediate 3)
- DELE and DELF (Diplomas from Ministry of Education – Score: B1)

Initial Steps – Pilot Project

- WL teachers will pilot assessments to familiarize themselves with the assessments and choose the best options.
- A small group of students (juniors and seniors) will be participating in the assessments in spring 2019 in order to determine their proficiency level and areas of focus for improvement.
- Based on the results of the pilot sample, a set of criteria and guidelines will be created for the 2020 school year for students to be able to earn the Seal of Bilingual Proficiency.