



SEAL OF BILITERACY

The Seal of Biliteracy is an honor awarded to eligible graduating seniors at Presentation High School beginning with the Class of 2018.



What is the Seal of Biliteracy?

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by Presentation High School in recognition of students who have **studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages** by high school graduation.

At Presentation High School, the Modern Language Department offers either French or Spanish as a course of study, paired with English to demonstrate these proficiencies.



Do other states award the Seal of Biliteracy?

39 states have implemented the Seal of Biliteracy since its inception.

California began awarding students in 2011.



Why implement the Seal of Biliteracy?

The Seal of Biliteracy encourages students to pursue biliteracy and to embrace global citizenship.

Attaining the Seal can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices.



Who awards the Seal of Biliteracy?

The Seal of Biliteracy is designed to be awarded by the Modern Language Department at Presentation High School.

Successful students will be honored and recognized by our school community at the Senior Awards ceremony and a Seal of Biliteracy banquet in May.



Seal of Biliteracy: Pathways for Eligibility

1. Students must successfully complete four years of language study at Pres in the same language, French or Spanish, maintaining a strong 87.5% across all language courses and a 84.5% or 3.0 in all English courses.
2. Students who have prior experience with the language before coming to Presentation and begin at level 2 or higher, must complete 3 years of language study with 87.5% across all courses including AP Language and Culture and an 84.5% or 3.0 in all English courses.
3. If students would like to attain the Seal of Biliteracy in a language other than one they have studied at Presentation, they may take a proficiency test in the language and score at the Intermediate Mid Proficiency level or higher. They must also maintain 84.5% or 3.0 in all English courses.



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Examples of tests that can be taken include:

- AP Language and Culture exam with a score of 3 or higher prior to their senior year
- National French Exam or National Spanish Exam level 4 or 5 with a Silver, Gold, or Platinum level achievement
- [Language Testing International](#) online with a proficiency level of Intermediate Mid. This option is available to students who would like to earn a Seal of Biliteracy in a language other than French or Spanish. LTI tests are at the expense of the student and must include the four skill levels of reading, listening, writing and speaking.
- Other proficiency test approved by the Modern Language Department.



Seal of Biliteracy culminating project:

Second semester of Senior year, all eligible students will work with a collaborating teacher to present a culturally-based project in line with student interest.

- 1) Expository essay of approximately 750 words representing a cultural element of interest
- 2) Slide show presentation showcasing important details of written work, explaining highlights in their own words to a teacher who is proficient in the language. *Students who are completing a project in a language other than French or Spanish will present to and be evaluated by a teacher from another school.*

