

# 2024 CCHS State Seal of Biliteracy



## What is Biliteracy?

Biliteracy is the ability to speak, read, and write in two languages at a proficient level.

## What is the State Seal of Biliteracy?

The State Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition given to high school seniors who have studied and can exhibit the ability to communicate in two or more languages (including English) by the spring of their senior year of high school. The State Seal of Biliteracy is a statement of accomplishment for college admission and for future employers.

## Why implement the State Seal of Biliteracy Initiative?

Though school district participation in this initiative is voluntary, **Carbondale Community High School District 165** considers the State Seal of Biliteracy to be consistent with the current district priorities and believes it aligns with the CCHS vision of promoting multilingualism, biliteracy, and inter-cultural flexibility as key contributors to students' success in college and career.

## Who qualifies for the State Seal of Biliteracy?

The State Seal of Biliteracy is intended for all students who have mastered standard academic English and any other language. Students who are native English speakers, English Learners (ELs) and/or bilingual speakers will be eligible for the State Seal of Biliteracy.

CCHS will consider awarding the State Seal of Biliteracy to graduating seniors who complete an [application](#), [register for the test](#), and [meet the requirements by the deadlines indicated](#).

**They also must demonstrate proficiency in English *and* a second language based on the test results explained below:**

- **English:** An acceptable score on the ACT or a score of at least 480 on the SAT assessment will be required. For students who have been designated as English Learners at some point during high school, meeting state proficiency through ACCESS will be sufficient.
- **Secondary Language:** A test score of 15 or higher on the AAPPL assessment (see links below), or a score of 4 or higher on an AP World Language exam administered by The College Board prior to the applicant's senior year of high School. If a student scores at least an 11, or a score of 3 on the AP exam, they will receive the **State Commendation**



**Toward Bilingualism** seal shown below as long as the English requirement is met.

**How does a student prepare for the State Seal of Bilingualism?** Underclassmen can focus on a specific language of their choice to be better prepared for testing that will take place in their senior year of high school. In the future, Pathways for Bilingualism may begin to be implemented for K-8 students. These Pathways will further encourage the study of world languages at an early age. You can go to <https://www.languagetesting.com/aappl2-demo> and choose form B for a test demo.

**Want to apply for the State Seal of Bilingualism?** If you are a SENIOR interested in applying for the State Seal of Bilingualism, please fill out the application on pg. 3 and return to Mr. Taylor by Monday, 3/4/2024. **In addition**, you must register to take the language test below. An approximate \$25 test fee will be required at registration. CCHS does not collect the fee.

The test will be online and will be computer-proctored. Your attention to details is key. **The testing window will be from 3/18/2024 at 12:00 am to 3/25/2024 at 12:30 am** and there is no make-up test. For more information or if you have any questions please contact the Coordinator, Mr. Taylor, at [arnold.taylor@cchs165.com](mailto:arnold.taylor@cchs165.com).

**For SPANISH:** In order to register for the Spanish Language Test, please visit the link below: <https://tms.languagetesting.com/AAPPLStudentRegistration/> When prompted, you must enter the following code: **5E8015-8128**. If you have any questions about payment or need tech support, contact LTI (1-800-486-8444).

**For FRENCH:** In order to register for the French Language Test, please visit the link below: <https://tms.languagetesting.com/AAPPLStudentRegistration/> When prompted, you must enter the following code: **509EB5-8128**. If you have any questions about payment or need tech support, contact LTI (1-800-486-8444).

**For GERMAN:** In order to register for the German Language Test, please visit the link below: <https://tms.languagetesting.com/AAPPLStudentRegistration/> When prompted, you must enter the following code: **6CC482-8128**. If you have any questions about payment or need tech support, contact LTI (1-800-486-8444).

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This Registration (p. 3) is **DUE MARCH 4, 2024** to room J108 (keep pages 1 and 2)



State Seal of Biliteracy Application



Date \_\_\_\_\_ IL State Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

First Name of SENIOR \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name of SENIOR \_\_\_\_\_

CCHS Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Language Other Than English To Be Tested \_\_\_\_\_

Most Recent ACT/SAT English Score \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Student,

In order to be considered, please *carefully read the three-page application information* and register to take the AAPPL test for your language as indicated on page 2. There is an approximate \$25 non-refundable fee payable when you register for the test. Return this page with the attachment\* (a copy of your ACT or SAT score) to Mr. Taylor in room J108 by 3/4/2024.

If you have any questions please contact me at ([arnold.taylor@cchs165.com](mailto:arnold.taylor@cchs165.com)) .

Thank you,

Mr. Taylor, Seal of Biliteracy Coordinator

**\*You MUST attach a copy of either ACT or SAT indicating the score**