



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-16-08 State seal of biliteracy.

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(A) As used in this rule, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Seal of biliteracy program" means a program designed to recognize high school graduates who demonstrate applicable high levels of proficiency in comprehension, speaking/signing, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English.

(2) "Foreign language" has the same meaning as division (E) of section 3313.6111 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Participating school" means any school that elects to participate in the state seal of biliteracy program.

(B) Each participating school may award the seal of biliteracy to any graduating high school student who is determined to meet the following criteria:

(1) The student is eligible to earn a high school diploma;

(2) The student entered the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2014, and will graduate with the high school class of 2018 or after;

(3) The student satisfies one of the following English language arts qualifiers:

(a) Earn a proficient level or higher on Ohio's prescribed state test(s) for high school English language arts;

(b) Earn a remediation free score on the English and reading sections of one of the state-recognized college readiness examinations prescribed by division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code; ,



(c) Earn a proficient level or higher on a department of education and workforce approved alternative assessment pursuant to section 3313.619 of the Revised Code; or

(d) Earn a score of proficient or higher on the Ohio English language proficiency assessment, or the assessment approved by the department of education and workforce pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code used to assess a student's progress in learning English if the student has been identified as an English language learner.

(4) The student will satisfy one of the following foreign language qualifiers:

(a) Pass a foreign language advanced placement examination with a score of four or higher;

(b) Pass an international baccalaureate foreign language examination with a score of five or higher on the higher level exam or a score of six or higher on the standard level exam;

(c) Attain a score of intermediate high or higher in comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing the foreign language based on the ACTFL 2024 proficiency guidelines found at <http://www.actfl.org/>, using assessments approved by the department of education and workforce;

(d) Attain a score equivalent to intermediate high or higher in interpersonal signing, presentational signing, and demonstrate an understanding of American sign language on an American sign language assessment approved by the Ohio department of education and workforce; or

(e) Attain a score equivalent to intermediate high or higher in interpretive reading on a classical language assessment approved by the department of education and workforce.

(C) Each participating school, will award a seal of biliteracy to each eligible graduating senior who meets the criteria in paragraph (B) of this rule. Each participating school will include the following notation on each eligible students' transcript: "<student name> is awarded the Ohio seal of biliteracy for demonstrating high levels of proficiency in English and <foreign language>."