DPS Seal of Biliteracy: *How to earn the Seal*

Demonstrating language mastery

The DPS Seal of Biliteracy is an award for graduating high school students who can read, speak, listen and write at a high level in English as well as another language. In order to earn the Seal, students must demonstrate their mastery of both English and another world language using the approved criteria listed here.

1. Complete all graduation requirements.

You must fulfill all requirements to graduate from a DPS high school in order to earn the Seal. Students who are not yet high school seniors may complete all other requirements prior to their senior year. The student's transcript will indicate "Candidate for the Seal of Biliteracy" until all graduation requirements are completed.

2. Show literacy in English

Students must complete <u>one</u> of the following:

ACT	English ≥18
AP English Language & Composition	≥ 3
AP English Literature & Composition	≥ 3
English Courses (view DPS course catalog here)	3.0 or above in English courses
IB English A	≥ 4
IB English Literature A	≥ 4
IB English A1	≥ 4
SAT (English section)	≥ 470
English 121 or other community college-linked course (view list of accepted courses here)	C- or better

3. Show literacy in a world language.

Students must complete <u>one</u> of the following:

AP Spanish (language or literature), French, German, Japanese, Italian, Mandarin	≥ 3
IB Spanish B, IB French B, IB French AB	≥ 4
DPS Level 3-4 World Language Assessment	Intermediate-mid or higher
AAPPL (Arabic, Mandarin, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish)	I4 or higher
CLEP / AAPPL Speaking and Writing	CLEP ≥ 63 AND AAPPL Speaking/Writing I4 or higher
Speaking and Writing Portfolio *Please Note: This option may be chosen only if one of the above assessments is not available in the language of choice. You will be contacted with information about scheduling your speaking and writing assessments.*	Intermediate-mid or higher

Colorado Diploma Endorsement for Biliteracy:

DPS students can earn the Colorado Diploma Endorsement for Biliteracy in addition to the DPS Seal of Biliteracy by:

- Achieving all criteria to earn the DPS Seal of Biliteracy
- Completing all English Language Arts coursework required for graduation with an overall GPA of at least 3.0 in the required English Language Arts courses

Application, information, checklist and more are at:

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