



Biliteracy Seal from the GADOE-House Bill 879

A Georgia Seal of Biliteracy has been established to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English.

Per the GADOE website, the purposes of this seal are:

- To encourage students to study foreign languages;
- To certify attainment of biliteracy;
- To provide employers with a method to identify people with language and biliteracy skills;
- To provide universities with a method to recognize and (possibly) award credit to a number of applicants seeking admission; and
- To recognize and promote foreign language instruction in public schools

In order to qualify for the Georgia Seal of Biliteracy, a high school student shall meet the following criteria;

- Completion of all English language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above in those classes; and
- Proficiency in one or more languages other than English, demonstrated by passing a foreign language Advanced Placement (AP) Exam with a score of 4 or higher;
- For languages in which an AP Exam is not available, the GADOE may provide a listing of equivalent summative examinations that the local school system may use in place of the AP Exam. (Students wishing to take the alternate exam selected by the local school will be responsible for the cost.)
- Participation in this new Biliteracy Seal program is voluntary. Schools are not obligated to award this seal.

For more information, go to the Georgia Department of Education website or contact Suzanne Schott at Walton. suzanne.schott@cobbk12.org