



Modern and Classical Languages Department

The Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy is an award granted by the Illinois State Board of Education to students who have attained a high level of proficiency in the four domains of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English and one or more other languages by their high school graduation.

The Seal of Biliteracy recognizes students who have demonstrated proficiency at the Intermediate-High level in all four domains in both languages according to the ACTFL standardized proficiency levels. The Seal indicates that the student can perform at a high level of proficiency, sufficient for "meaningful use in college and a career."

Spring exam test dates are for current New Trier students* who:

- have never taken the Seal of Biliteracy Exam; or
- took the Seal of Biliteracy Exam and need to retake one or more components to qualify; or
- took the Seal of Biliteracy Exam and need to retake the exam in its entirety to qualify

Who: Students with proficiency in English and one or more of these languages: **Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish**

Why: Demonstrate that you are a citizen of the global community who understands, speaks, reads, and writes another language

How: Qualify for the Seal, and this award will be noted on your diploma and transcript upon high school graduation

What: State-approved assessment in all four domains (Reading only for Latin)

1. Literacy in English: ACT English score of 21, SAT English score of 480, or ACCESS score of 4.8

2. Literacy in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish: AP score of 4 or 5 or Assessment (AAPPL, ALIRA, OR STAMP4S) score of Intermediate-High (I-5)

When: March 13th or March 20th, 2024

Sign Up: RevTrak: <https://newtrier.revtrak.net/academics/academics-mcl/mcl-seal-of-biliteracy/>

Where: Tests will be administered on the Winnetka Campus, in Language Lab Rooms 265 and 267. Students will be excused from morning classes.

Questions: Visit the [MCL webpage](#), or contact testing@nths.net with questions

*Please note that New Trier SENIORS receive testing priority. You will be contacted if there are no spaces available.