# Recognize Your Students with a Seal of Biliteracy



## Tips & Guidelines



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"Language brings with it an identity and a culture."

-Trevor Noah, Born a Crime



### Why Test for a Seal of Biliteracy?

Testing your students' language skills for certification offers multiple benefits:

- Excite learners and parents
- Increases enrollment and retention
- Informative test data
- Can lead to advanced placement
- college credit or scholarships
- Recognition celebrations
- Builds program efficacy

## **Global Seal of Biliteracy**

The Global Seal of Biliteracy<sup>™</sup> is a free credential that celebrates language skills and expands future opportunities for its recipients. A uniform standard is used to empower our awardees to be a valuable asset in multilingual environments.

The Global Seal is..

- FREE (cost of testing not included)
- 3 Certificate Levels plus Pathway Awards
- ACTFL and CEFR scales available
- Available in 130+ languages



The Global Seal highly encourages benchmark testing and recognition to keep students informed and excited about their progress. Students can earn our Functional Fluency level certificate in middle school and level-up in high school to our Working Fluency credential.

#### **Testing for Proficiency**

To earn a Seal of Biliteracy, students must demonstrate what they can do with the language they have learned. Qualifying tests generally measure listening speaking, reading, and writing.

- 1. Choose your qualifying language test. (theglobalseal.com/qualified-tests)
- 2. Become familiar with the test. Many companies offer sample tests and preparation guides.
- Follow test administration protocols. (provide an adult, non-family member proctor, follow the guidelines of the test company, test in a secure environment without notes or electronic devices).
- 4. Submit qualifying test scores to the Global Seal for free certification.



\*We suggest you to submit your students' test scores for both the Global Seal of Biliteracy and, if possible, for your state's Seal of Biliteracy program. If you share your students' scores with a local school for recognition, consider customizing our free downloadable template and enclose it with test scores in a sealed envelope (or via email) to inform them about your program and your adherence to test security (see QR code or website).



"What the Global Seal award does for our heritage language learners and schools is to create a foundation of worthiness. It creates a world of opportunities for our students and Heritage Language educational communities nationwide."

> -Angela Hashava President Association of Bulgarian Schools in America



"Finally, a test that means something." —University of Oregon Global Seal recipient





Each personalized serial-numbered certificate can be digitally shared and added to a C.V. or LinkedIn profile.



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