



**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**SEAL OF BILITERACY**

**YCS**  
**EMPOWERING STUDENTS WITH**  
**MULTILINGUALISM**

Can you speak another language in addition to English?



# Go For The Seal of Biliteracy !

It can give you many opportunities and put you ahead, no matter what your path is after high school.



# What is the Seal of Biliteracy?

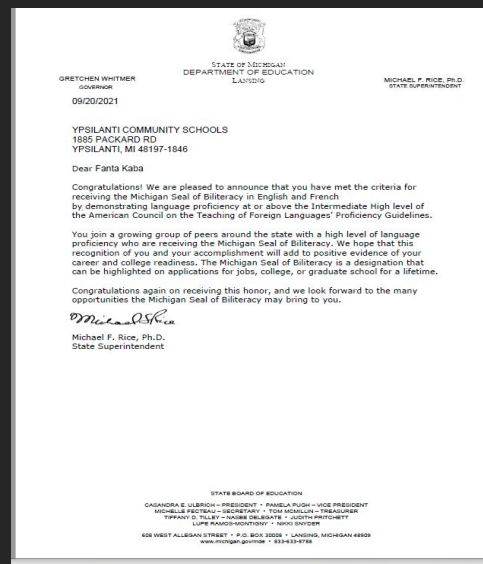
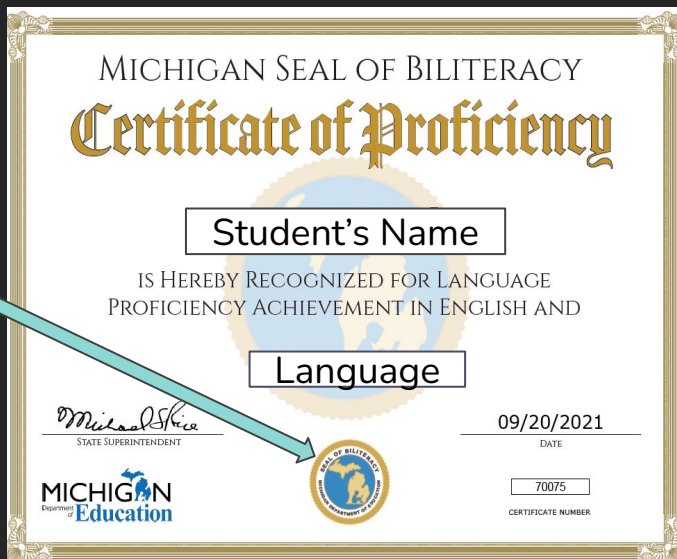
The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in recognition of students who have a language proficiency level of *Intermediate High in English* and *at least one other language* upon graduation. It is the **ONLY** award granted by MDE to high school graduates.



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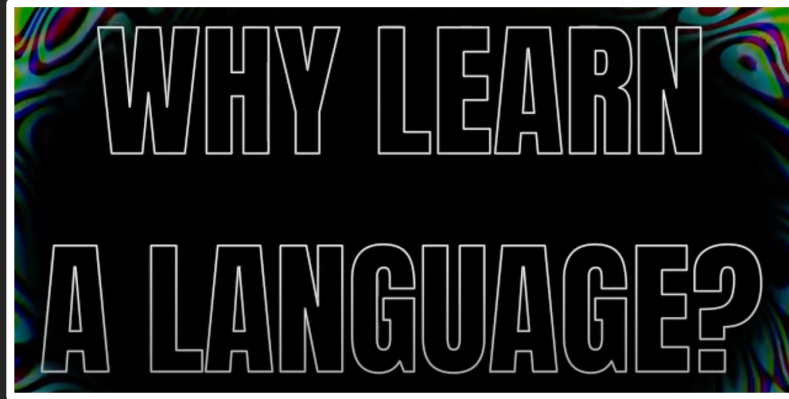


It is a certificate with an actual SEAL that shows your language ability



You also get a letter of congratulations from the State Superintendent

# A WORD FROM REAL EMPLOYERS ABOUT BEING BILINGUAL



[LINK TO VIDEO](#)

# Why go for the Seal of Biliteracy?

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## The Seal of Biliteracy:

- **Gives You a Global Advantage** – Speak two or more languages? You're prepared for our connected world and endless opportunities
- **Honors the skills you have attained**
- **Validates and verifies your language skills which are highly attractive to future employers as well as college and university admission offices.**
- **No matter what your path is after high school, having the Seal of Biliteracy will make you stand out.**

# Who can get the Seal of Biliteracy?



The Seal may be awarded to any student receiving:

- ▶ a high school diploma,
- ▶ a high school certificate of completion,
- ▶ or a high school equivalency certificate

AND...

- ▶ who can speak a language in addition to English at an **Intermediate High proficiency** level.

*\*If you arrived here after 6th grade you could very possibly automatically qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy*

# How do you get the Seal?

There are 3 paths to the Seal of Biliteracy



Arrived in US after 6th grade. Student has transcripts documenting student was schooled in another language/country prior to arrival.

No test required



Native or heritage speaker of a language other than English. Home language maintained and English learned.

State approved test required.



World language classes that bring student to Intermediate- High proficiency.

State approved test required

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# To learn more about the Seal of Biliteracy and how to earn it:



- ▶ Reach out to one of the YCS Seal of Biliteracy committee members:

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- ▶ Talk to your counselor or teacher

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Get even more information about the Seal of  
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Education Seal of Biliteracy site:

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