



# 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.







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

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MICHAEL F. RICE, Ph.D. STATE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Fanta Kaba

Congratulations! We are pleased to announce that you have met the criteria for receiving the Michigan Seal of Bilteracy in English and French by demonstrating language proficiency at or above the Intermediate High level of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages' Proficiency Guidelines.

You join a growing group of peers around the state with a high level of language proficiency who are receiving the Michigan Seal of Bildteracy. We hope that this recognition of you and your accomplishment will add to positive evidence of your career and college readiness. The Michigan Seal of Bilteracy is a designation that can be highlighted on applications for jobs, college, or graduate school for a lifetime.

Congratulations again on receiving this honor, and we look forward to the many opportunities the Michigan Seal of Biliteracy may bring to you.

Michael F. Rice, Ph.D. State Superintendent You also get a letter of congratulations from the State Superintendent

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# A WORD FROM REAL EMPLOYERS ABOUT BEING BILINGUAL





LINK TO VIDEO

# Why go for the Seal of Biliteracy?

### 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:

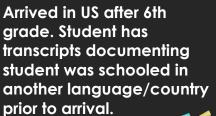
- ► a high school diploma,
- a high school certificate of completion,
- or a high school equivalency certificate AND...
- who can speak a language in addition to English at an Intermediate High proficiency level.

\*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



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.

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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 Biliteracy at the Michigan Department of Education Seal of Biliteracy site: <u>Link to MDE Seal of Biliteracy site</u>