

Pecatonica High School is pleased to announce a special opportunity for students who have mastered a foreign language. The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, school district or county office of education in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. The Seal of Biliteracy takes the form of a seal that appears on the transcript or diploma of the graduating senior and is a statement of accomplishment for future employers and for college admissions. The purposes for instituting the Seal of Biliteracy and the Pathways to Biliteracy Awards are numerous:

- To encourage students to study languages
- To certify attainment of biliteracy skills
- To recognize the value of language diversity
- To provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills
- To provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for attainment of high level skills in multiple languages
- To prepare students with 21st century skills that will benefit them in the labor market and the global society
- To strengthen intergroup relationships and honor the multiple cultures and languages in a community.

Pecatonica High School will use the AAPPL test to determine Seal of Biliteracy qualification. The cost for the test is \$20. Time and date of the test will be coordinated by Kim Shrader and administered on a case by case basis, but must be completed by March 1st of the year of graduation.

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We may want to include some additional info. Here is the web page from my high school:

<https://adc.d211.org/academics-home/illinois-seal-of-biliteracy/>