



2021-2022 Arizona State Seal of Biliteracy Annual Report

On May 12, 2016, SB1239 was signed into law establishing the Arizona State Seal of Biliteracy Program. This program recognizes high school students who achieve proficiency in English and at least one additional language. The seal is placed on the student's diploma and noted on the transcript. Specific requirements are listed in A.R.S. § 15-258.

During the 2021-2022 school year, twenty-six local education agencies participated in the Seal of Biliteracy Program. This number included twenty school districts and six charter schools. Three counties were represented - Coconino, Maricopa, and Pima. The European Consortium for the Certificate of Attainment in Modern Languages (ECL) Hungarian Language Exam was added to the list of possibilities to offer opportunities to test less commonly studied languages.

1421 seals were awarded to graduating seniors compared to 1167 for the 2021 graduating class. Of those 1421 students, 261 students were designated as English Language Learners at some point during their K-12 academic journey. 439 students attended Title 1 schools. The 2022 numbers are slightly lagging due to the pandemic and classroom interruptions. We are excited to report that the number of local education agencies that intend to participate in the 2022-2023 Seal of Biliteracy has doubled.

Students earned seals in thirteen different languages. These languages were:

- Spanish – 1200 seals awarded
- French – 90 seals awarded
- American Sign Language – 51 seals awarded
- Mandarin – 43 seals awarded
- German – 18 seals awarded
- Japanese – 8 seals awarded
- Portuguese – 2 seals awarded
- Hebrew – 2 seals awarded
- Russian – 2 seals awarded
- Vietnamese – 2 seals awarded
- Korean – 1 seal awarded
- Arabic – 1 seal awarded
- Italian – 1 seal awarded



The following assessments were used to measure proficiency in the target language:

- ACTFL Assessment of Performance Toward Proficiency (AAPPL)
- Advance Placement Exams (AP)
- Avant Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP 4S)
- Avant Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP WS)
- International Baccalaureate Exams (IB)
- Portfolio Method of Assessment

The following LEAs participated in the 2021-2022 Seal of Biliteracy and awarded seals:

- Amphitheater Public Schools
- ASU Prep Digital High School
- Catalina Foothills High School
- Cave Creek Unified School District
- Chandler Unified School District
- Crestview Preparatory High School
- Deer Valley Unified School District
- Desert Heights Preparatory Academy
- Dysart Unified School District
- Estrella Educational Foundation High School
- Flagstaff Unified School District
- Flowing Wells Unified School District
- Gilbert Public Schools
- Glendale Union High School District
- Highland Prep High School
- Higley Unified School District
- Madison Highland Prep High School
- Mesa Public Schools
- Paradise Valley Unified School District
- Peoria Unified School District
- Phoenix Union High School District
- Scottsdale Unified School District
- Tempe Union High School District
- Tolleson Union High School District
- Tucson Unified School District
- Vail Unified School District