



## 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 school year, 38 local education agencies participated in the Seal of Biliteracy Program. Five counties were represented - Coconino, Cochise, Maricopa, Pinal, Pima, Santa Cruz, and Yavapai.

For the 2023-2024 school year, 2245 seals were awarded to graduating seniors compared to 1658 for the 2023 graduating class. Of those 2245 students, 574 students were designated as English Language Learners at some point during their K-12 academic journey. 888 students attended Title 1 schools. Languages that have previously been tested but were not this year include Bengali, Hebrew, Hungarian, Macedonian, Navajo, Romanian, and Russian. New languages tested for the 2023-2024 school year include: Hindi, Latin, and Tamil.

Students earned seals in twenty-one different languages. These languages were:

- American Sign Language – 396 (up from 49)
- Arabic – 8 (up from 3)
- French – 73 (down from 88)
- German – 51 (up from 25)
- Italian – 2 (same)
- Japanese – 16 (up from 14)
- Korean – 10 (up from 3)
- Latin – 9 (new this year)
- Mandarin – 89 (up from 40)
- Polish – 3 (up one)
- Portuguese – 1 (down one)
- Russian – 1 (same)
- Serbian – 1 (same)
- Serbo-Croatian – 1 (same)
- Spanish – 3190 (up from 1422)
- Tagalog – 1 (down from 3)
- Tamil – 1 (new this year)
- Vietnamese – 3 (up from 1)

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

- ACTFL Assessment of Performance Toward Proficiency (AAPPL)

- ACTFL Oral; Proficiency Interview (OPI) or (OPIC)
- Advance Placement Exams (AP)
- Avant Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP 4S)
- CLEP
- International Baccalaureate Exams (IB)

The following LEAs participated in the 2031-2024 Seal of Biliteracy and awarded seals:

- Agua Fria Union High School District
- Amphitheater Public Schools
- Arizona School for the Arts
- Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
- Casa Grande Union High School District #82
- Catalina Foothills School District
- Cave Creek Unified School District
- Chandler Unified School District
- Coolidge Unified School District #21
- Crestview Preparatory High School
- Deer Valley Unified School District
- Desert Heights Charter
- Douglas Unified School District
- Empower College Prep
- Flagstaff Unified School District
- Flowing Wells Unified School District
- Gilbert Public Schools
- Highland Prep
- Higley Unified School District
- Horizon Honors Secondary
- Insight Academy of Arizona and Arizona Virtual Academy
- Madison Highland Prep
- Maricopa Institute of Technology
- Mesa Public Schools
- Mingus Union High School District
- Nogales Unified School District
- Paradise Valley Unified School District
- Paragon Management, Paradise Honors High School
- Peoria Unified School District
- Phoenix Union High School District
- Scottsdale Unified
- Sunnyside Unified School District
- Tanque Verde School District

- Tempe Union High School District
- Tolleson Union High School District
- Tucson Unified School District
- Vail Unified
- Western School of Science & Technology