



## 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 school year, over 55 local education agencies participated in the Seal of Biliteracy Program. Ten (11) counties were represented – Coconino, Cochise, Gila, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal, Pima, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, and Yuma.

For the 2025-2026 school year, 4080 seals were awarded to graduating seniors compared to 3281 for the 2025 graduating class. Of those 4080 students, 898 students were designated as English Language Learners at some point during their K-12 academic journey (up from 708). Of the 4080 awardees, 1881 students attended Title 1 school. Languages that have previously been tested but were not this year include Amharic, Bengali, Cantonese, Haitian, Hebrew, Hungarian, Kannada, Karenian, Macedonian, Marathi, Serbian, Serbo-Croatian, and Thai. New languages tested for the 2025-2026 school year include: Mongolian, Urdu, Telugu, Kinyarwanda, Visayan, Dutch, Pashto, Bulgarian, and Gujarati.

Students earned seals in thirty-three different languages. These languages were:

- American Sign Language – 134 ↑
- Arabic – 16 ↑
- Bosnian – 1
- Bulgarian – 1
- Dari – 2
- Dutch – 1
- French – 156 ↑
- German – 34 ↑
- Gujarati – 1
- Hindi – 3 ↓
- Italian – 5 ↑
- Japanese – 33 ↓
- Kannada – 1
- Kinyarwanda – 1
- Korean – 12 ↑
- Latin – 55 ↑
- Mandarin – 104 ↑
- Mongolian – 1
- Navajo (Dine) 2 ↑

- Pashto – 1
- Polish – 4 ↑
- Portuguese – 4 ↓
- Romanian 2 ↑
- Russian – 2 ↓
- Serbo-Croatian – 1
- Spanish – 3452 ↑
- Swahili – 5 ↑
- Tagalog – 7 ↑
- Tamil – 2 ↓
- Telugu – 4
- Turkish – 3 ↑
- Ukrainian - 2 ↑
- Urdu – 1
- Vietnamese – 13 ↑
- Visayan – 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)
- ALTA
- Avant Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP 4S)
- Avant STAMP for ASL
- Avant STAMP WS
- Avant SuperLanguage
- CLEP
- The National Examinations in World Languages (NEWL)
- National Exams (German, Spanish, Latin)
- National Latin Exam
- Navajo Nation Seal of Biliteracy Proficiency Assessment
- International Baccalaureate Exams (IB)

The following LEAs participated in the 2025-2026 Seal of Biliteracy and awarded seals:

- Agua Fria Union High School District
- Amphitheater Public Schools
- Apache Junction Unified School District
- Arizona School for the Arts
- ASU Preparatory Academy- Casa Grande High School
- Benjamin Franklin Charter Schools
- Casa Grande Union High School District
- Catalina Foothills High School

- Cave Creek Unified School District
- Chandler Unified School district
- Coolidge Unified School District
- Crestview Preparatory High School
- Deer Valley Unified School District
- Douglas Unified School District
- Dysart Unified School District
- Empower College Prep
- Flagstaff Unified School District
- Florence Unified School District
- Flowing Wells Unified School District (4405)
- Gilbert Public Schools
- Glendale Union High School District
- Great Hearts Academies - Anthem, Arete, Chandler, Cicero, Glendale, Lincoln, Maryvale, Scottsdale, Trivium, Veritas, North Phoenix
- Heritage Academy
- Highland Prep
- Higley Unified School District
- Horizon Honors Secondary / Horizon Community Learning Center HCLC
- Kingman Unified School District
- LFPA - Gilbert
- Madison Highland Prep
- Madison Highland Prep Phoenix
- Marana Unified School District # 6
- Maricopa Institute of Technology
- Maricopa Unified School District #20
- Mesa Public Schools
- Mingus Union High School
- Nogales Unified School District #1
- Pan-American Charter School
- Paradise Valley Unified School District
- Paragon Management - Paradise Honors High School
- Paragon Science Academy
- Payson Unified School District
- Peoria Unified School District
- Phoenix Union High School District
- Pinon Unified School District No. 4
- Sahuarita Unified School District
- Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District 35
- Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District #840

- Scottsdale Unified
- Sunnyside Unified School District
- Tanque Verde Unified School District
- Tempe Preparatory Academy
- Tempe Union High School District
- Tolleson Union High School District
- Tombstone Unified School District
- Tuba City Unified School District
- Tucson Unified School District
- Vail Unified School District
- Yuma Unified High School District 70