

Seal of Biliteracy



What is it?

An award given by the state of Rhode Island in recognition of students who have attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. Students will receive a notation on their diploma and official transcript. Last year, 36 NKHS graduates earned the Seal of Biliteracy, more than any other high school in the State of RI.

Who qualifies?

- Any student who has studied a foreign language at NKHS and feels he or she is proficient enough to pass an exam
- Any student who has studied English as a Second Language
- Any student who may know another language from home but is not enrolled in ESL
- All applicants must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA (B average) in English from grade 9 through 1st semester of senior year. They must also pass the AAPPL or ACCESS exam or earn a "3" on the Advanced Placement Spanish Language Exam in order to qualify for the Seal. The SAT II in the language (if offered) will also be considered.

Next Steps

- In the Spring, we will hold an assembly to further discuss this with students. Students will apply and we will order exams for each applicant. There is a \$20 fee for each exam. Assistance is available if the fee is an issue.
- Once we receive the results, we will notify students if they have earned the seal.
- NOTE: AP Spanish Literature students have already earned the seal based on their AP Spanish Language test results. NO FURTHER ACTION IS NEEDED. Congratulations.