



### What is the Seal of Bilingual Literacy?

*The Seal of Bilingual Literacy is an award approved by the Illinois State Board of Education and given by the school district in recognition of students who have studied and attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English, by high school graduation. The Seal of Bilingual Literacy is a statement of accomplishment for attaining competency in two or more languages and viewed as an asset when applying for college admission or employment. Participation by a school, school district or county is voluntary.*

### How do I earn the Seal of Bilingual Literacy at MCHS?

**Students must show proficiency in English and in another language**

- ★ Show proficiency in English on the ACT, SAT or ACCESS test in the case of students who are English Learners.
- ★ Earn a score of 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture Exam or other designated assessment designated by the district for the Seal of Bilingual Literacy.

*Students who do not meet requirements for the Seal may still be eligible for the Commendation.*

### Benefits of Earning the Seal of Bilingual Literacy

- ★ Students develop competency in both English and at least one other language.
- ★ Universities will be able to identify students eligible for advanced language placement.
- ★ Employers will find job candidates who are appropriate for positions requiring the bilingual skills.
- ★ Students get formally recognized by the State of Illinois, which values both foreign and native language instruction in public schools and in our society.
- ★ Opportunities become available in a wide range of social, educational, economic, political and global contexts.
- ★ According to recent research, the ability to speak more than one language staves off memory loss in later years.

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