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What is the Seal of Biliteracy?

8 things to know...

1 It's an official recognition of a student's proficiency in 2+ languages.

Recognized by U.S. state governments, the Seal appears on the transcript or diploma of graduating high school seniors.

2 K-12 schools are the most common way for students to get the Seal.

It may also be awarded by an individual school program, the district, or the state.

3 Tests aren't the only way for students to earn the Seal!

Depending on your state, alternatives may include oral interviews or portfolios.

4 The Seal might count towards college credit.

That means it could potentially save you money on college tuition!

5 Setting up a Seal program doesn't have to be costly.

Your school might have access to grant money that can cover the cost (e.g. ESSER funds, Title III funds for English Learners, World Languages Ed grants).

6 Schools nationwide have been QUICK to adopt the Seal program.

As of 2022, 48 states (plus D.C.) have state legislation to support the Seal, and 100k+ students from 31 U.S. states have already received it in 119 languages.

7 There are several reasons schools implement Seal programs.

Most do it to highlight their value of linguistic diversity, to help students recognize the value of their language skills, and to give students an official way to showcase their bilingualism to future employers and college admissions offices.

8 If your school doesn't yet offer the Seal, visit this webpage.

There's lots of good info on this, the official website for the Seal: sealofbiliteracy.org/steps

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