

The New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) recognizes students from district, charter, and non-public schools who have attained

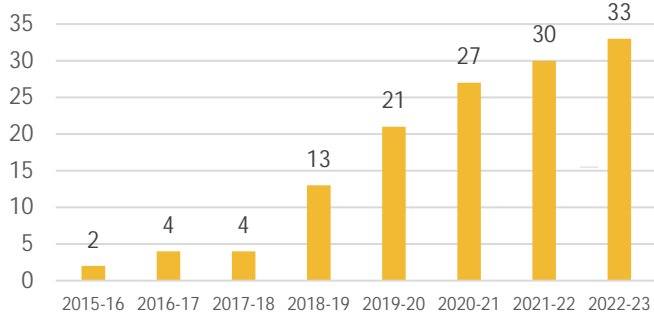
(one of which must be English) by high school graduation. It acknowledges the importance of biliteracy in today's global society.

The intent of the NYSSB is to:

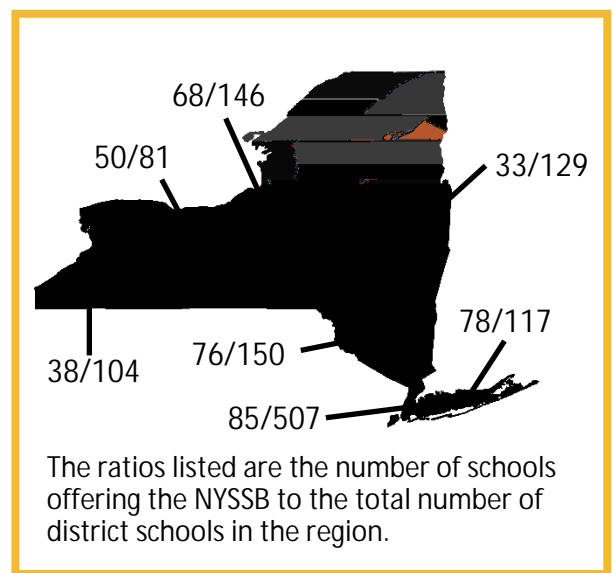
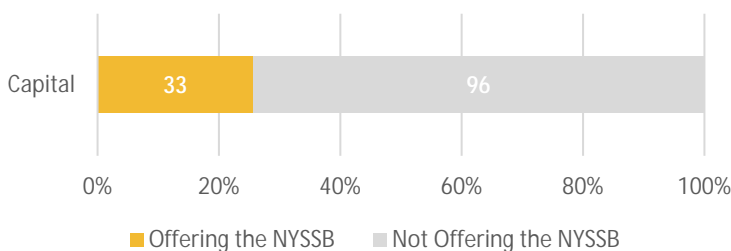
- affirm the value of diversity in a multilingual society;
- encourage the study of languages;
- identify high school graduates with multilingualism and multiliteracy skills for employers;
- provide universities with additional information about applicants seeking admission;
- prepare students with twenty-first century skills; and
- recognize the value of world and home language instruction in schools.

highest weight on a school's [Readiness Measure](#) on par with the NYS Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams. This also includes current ELLs not in the graduation cohort earning the NYSSB and a Regents Diploma.

Number of Schools Offering the NYSSB in the Capital-East Region (2015-2023)



Number of Schools Offering vs. Not Offering the NYSSB in the Capital-East Region (2022-23)



In 2022-23, Capital region students earned the NYSSB in 26 different languages:
 Arabic, Armenian, ASL, Bengali, Burmese, Cantonese, Czech, Farsi, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Tagalog, Turkish, Twi, Ukrainian

Percentage of Students who Earned the NYSSB in the Capital Region by Race (2022-23)

