



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

(one of which must be English) by high school gradu

- 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.



The NYSSB carries the highest weight on a school's "[Readiness Measures](#)", 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.

of NYCDOE district schools offered the NYSSB in 2021-22.



