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## What do students need to do to earn the NYSSB?

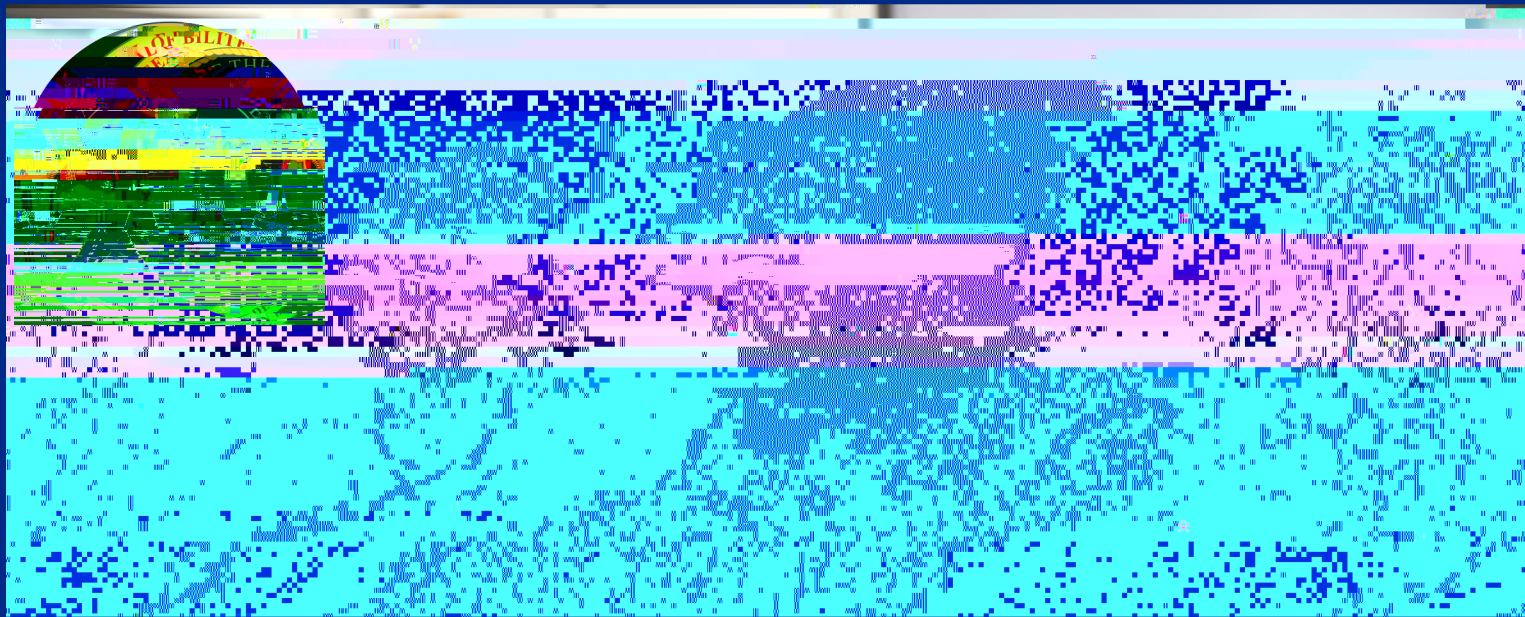
There are multiple pathways to earn the NYSSB. Whichever pathway is chosen, students must demonstrate the required level of proficiency by earning three (3) points in English and three (3) points in one or more world languages from a points matrix. Students can earn points toward the NYSSB in a number of ways, including earning an 85% or better in English or world language coursework, achieving a set score on national tests (such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, AAPPL, STAMP4S, or other exams), and completing and presenting a Culminating Project in English and/or a world language.

## How can I support my student to pursue the NYSSB?

First and foremost, if your family speaks a language other than English at home, encourage your student to continue to develop their skills in speaking, reading, and writing in that language. As early as possible in high school, talk to your student's school counselor about the possibility of earning the NYSSB and make a multi-year plan for graduation that culminates in your student earning this award. Discuss with your student the importance of developing proficiency in more than one language and how this might help them in their college and career aspirations.

## Where can I find more information on the NYSSB?

For more information on your district's NYSSB program, talk to your student's school counselor, world language teacher, or English/English to Speakers of Other Languages teacher. Families can find information on the [NYSSB website](#) or by contacting the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages via email ([nyssb@nysed.gov](mailto:nyssb@nysed.gov)) or phone (518.473.7505).



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