

Recommended Criteria from the RI Seal of Biliteracy Working Group for Earning the Rhode Island Seal of Biliteracy

The Rhode Island Seal of Biliteracy shall be awarded by the Commissioner to recognize high school graduates who have attained an Intermediate Mid level of proficiency or higher in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English, as demonstrated by meeting the following criteria:

English Language:

Proficiency in English language demonstrated through ONE of the following methods:

- English Language Arts (ELA): Minimum Average GPA 3.0 in all ELA requirements for graduation OR
- One of the following assessments in Grade 10 or later:
 - **PARCC** (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers): Minimum level 4 (Range: 750-850).
 - **ACCESS** (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners): Minimum proficiency level 4.5/6.0 Composite Literacy Score *and* 5.0/6.0 Composite Comprehension Score *and* 4.5/6.0 Composite Oral Score.
 - **PSAT English**: Minimum score 430 (10th), 460 (11th).
 - **SAT English**: Minimum score 430 (10th grade), 460 (11th grade), 480 (12th grade)
 - **ACT English**: Minimum score 18
 - **ACCUPLACER Reading Comprehension**: Minimum score 78/120

Languages Other Than English:

Minimum score Intermediate Mid Proficiency (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Guidelines) in all domains in one or more languages in addition to English, demonstrated through ONE of the following examinations in Grade 10 or later:

- **AP (Advanced Placement) World Language Exam**: Minimum 3/5
- **SAT II Foreign Language Exam with Listening**: Minimum 600/800
- **IB (International Baccalaureate) Language and Literature**: Minimum 4/7
- **Other Language Exams** Aligned to the ACTFL scale (Minimum level Intermediate Mid in *ALL* domains) *or* the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) scale (Minimum level 1/1+ in all domains) on one of the following tests:
 - **AAPPL** (ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages)
 - **STAMP** (STAndards-based Measurement of Proficiency)
 - **OPI/OPIc** (Oral Proficiency Interview/by Computer) *or* **ALTA Speaking and Listening Test** *and* **WPT** (Writing Proficiency Test) *or* **ALTA Writing Test**
- **American Sign Language (ASL)**
 - **ASLPI** (ASL Proficiency Interview): Minimum level 3.0
 - **SLPI** (Sign Language Proficiency Interview): Minimum level Intermediate