

What is the Ohio Seal of Bilingualism?

The Ohio Seal of Bilingualism is an award conferred on graduating high school seniors who can demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English and at least one world language. World languages includes modern languages, classical languages, Native American languages, and American Sign Language.



Signing Up

1. In 11th or 12th grade, notify your school counselor that you would like to earn the Seal of Bilingualism.
2. In the fall prior to your intended test date, complete the online application. The application is available on the district website www.northolmstedschools.org. If you need assistance contact your EL/WLC teacher.

For More Information

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Benefits of Biliteracy

- Equip graduates with knowledge and skills to participate successfully in college, careers, the military, and a diverse global society.
- Give graduates an edge over others with the same credentials for employment.
- Give students an additional attribute to identify them as strong candidates for admission.
- Prepare students with 21st century skills
- Strengthen intergroup relationships and affirm the value of diversity



Eligibility

- Students must be proficient in English as determined by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
- Students must be proficient in a World Language as Determined by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
- Students must be 15 months from graduation



FAQ

What is proficiency? Proficiency is the ability of an individual to use culturally appropriate language to communicate spontaneously in a non-rehearsed context with a high degree of competence. It also refers to the degree of skill with which a person can use the language to comprehend, speak, read, write, or sign in real-life situations.

How do I become proficient? If you are not already proficient in English and another language, you will need to successfully complete a course of study in a world language (typically 4-5 years).

What is the AAPPL Assessment? AAPPL stands for Assessment of Performance Toward Proficiency in Language. It is a test that measures competency in comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing.

When is the test given? NOHS gives the test in the spring. It cannot be taken more than 15 months prior to graduation.

How do I know if I passed? You will be contacted by a school official.

Are retakes available? Yes! Students can retake all or parts of the exam.

What is the cost? There is no cost for students.