



# NYS Seal of Biliteracy Mid-West Region 2023-24



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.

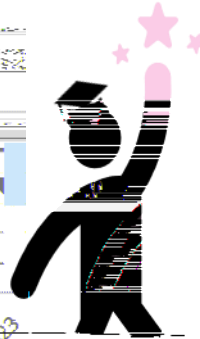
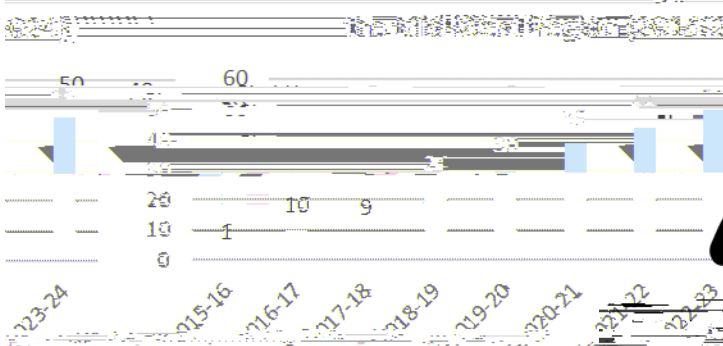
The intent of the NYSSB is to:

- 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.

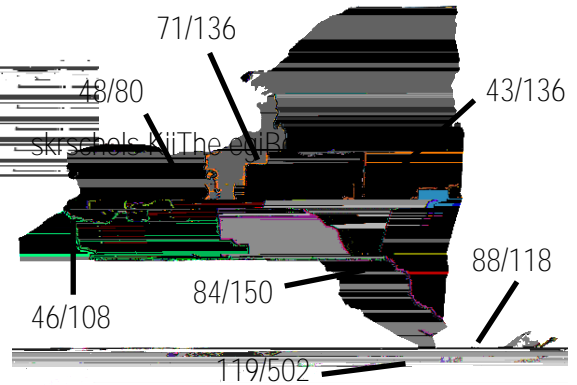


The NYSSB carries the highest weight on a school's "[Readiness Measures](#)", on par with the NYS Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams. This also includes current ELLs not in the graduation cohort earning the NYSSB and a Regents Diploma.

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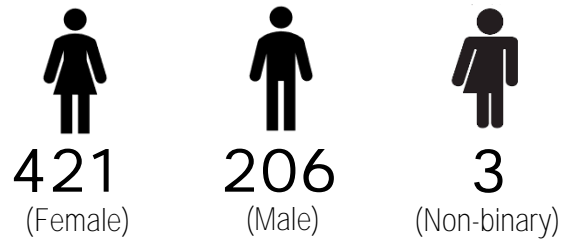
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-24, Mid-West region students earned the NYSSB in 27 different languages:

American Sign Language, Arabic, Bosnian, Dari, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Karen, Kinyarwanda, Latin, Latvian, Macedonian, Mandarin, Nepali, Pashto, Polish, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Telugu, Turkish, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Vietnamese

**640** students from the Mid-West region earned the NYSSB in 2023-24.

Seal Earners by Gender



Seal Earners by ELL Status

Current ELLs and Students Previously Identified as ELLs	101
Never ELLs - Home Language = English	471
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are students who, by birth or ancestry, speak or understand a language other than English and who score below the designated level on the NYS English language proficiency assessment.

are students who were once ELLs, but who have since demonstrated the NYS designated level of proficiency necessary to exit ELL status.

are students who have never been identified as ELLs. A Never ELL's home language may be English or another world language.

**14** students from the Mid-West region earned the NYSSB in \_\_\_ world languages in addition to English in 2023-24.



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