

2026-27 Testing dates for the Seal of Biliteracy will be as follows:

- Monday, October 19, 2026
- Monday, March 8, 2027

Seal of Biliteracy

Ottawa Township High School honors students who have exemplified high proficiency in both English and another language by qualifying for the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy and Commendation toward Biliteracy. This achievement may be attained by any student who achieves a qualifying score on the approved Illinois State Standard Assessments. Students who obtain the Seal of Biliteracy and Commendation are given recognition at graduation and receive the Seal of Biliteracy or Commendation of the language on their diploma and transcript.

According to the Illinois School Code, The Seal of Biliteracy is equivalent to two years of high school Foreign Language for Illinois public university purposes. In addition, Illinois public community colleges and universities must establish criteria that transfer the Seal of Biliteracy into course credit at their institution.

Students who are interested in obtaining the Seal of Biliteracy must fill out an application with Mrs. Gass in room 201.

Standard Assessments offered at OTHS:

English:

Assessment	Score to Qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy	Score to Qualify for Commendation toward Biliteracy
ACCESS for ELLs	4.8 Composite	3.5 Literacy (reading + writing average)
ACT + Writing	18 ELA Subject Area	
AP English Language and Composition Exam	4	3
ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) FORM B	I-5	I-1

Other Languages:

Assessment	Language Available	Score to Qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy	Score to Qualify for Commendation toward Biliteracy
ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) FORM B	Arabic, ASL, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish	I-5 Intermediate High (ACTFL)	I-1 Intermediate Low (ACTFL)

For a complete list of Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy Approved Assessments visit:
[language-proficiency-assessment-list.pdf](#) at www.isbe.net