

SEAL OF BILINGUALISM-BILITERACY

The State Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy certifies that the recipient is proficient for meaningful use in college, a career or to meet a local community language need in a world language other than English. For the purposes of earning this seal, a “language other than English” is any language other than English, including world languages, and “proficiency” means the ability to express oneself in a language with sufficient structural accuracy and vocabulary to participate effectively in most social and academic situations.

To earn the Bilingualism-Biliteracy Seal on the Diploma of Excellence in the Gadsden Independent School District, students must meet the requirements in Board Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, and demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English through meeting the following units of credit and assessment requirements.

Units of Credit Requirements

- The student must receive a grade of C or higher in four (4) units of credit in a language other than English.
- All four (4) units of credit must be in the same language other than English and shall consist of language courses, language arts courses, content area courses or any combination thereof.
- For the purposes of earning the Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy, a student may not use units of credit in English language arts or English as a second language for English language learners.

Assessment Requirements

- The student must attain a score of three (3) or higher on an advanced placement examination for a language other than English; *or*
- The student must attain a score of four (4) or higher on an international baccalaureate examination for a higher-level language other than English course; *or*
- The student must score proficient on a national assessment of language proficiency in a language other than English; *or*
- The student may demonstrate proficiency by passing a New Mexico assessment in a world language other than English.

The graduate’s high school transcript must indicate that the graduate received the Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy on the graduate’s New Mexico Diploma of Excellence.