

NYS Seal of Biliteracy

New York City Region 2022- 23



The intent of the NYSSB is to:

- x affirm the value of diversity in a multilingual society;
- x encourage the study of languages;
- x identify high school graduates with multilingualism and multiliteracy for employers;
- x provide universities with additional information about applicants seeking admission;
- x prepare students with twenty-first century skills; and
- x recognize the value of world and home language instruction in schools.



The NYSSB carries the highest weight on a school's "Readiness Measure" 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.

The New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) recognizes students from district, charter, and nonpublic schools who have attained a high level of proficiency in two or more world languages (one of which must be English) by high school graduation. It acknowledges

16.8%

of district schools in the New York City region offered the NYSSB in 2022-23



