

Tecumseh High School's State of Biliteracy

An **Ohio Seal of Biliteracy** recognizes graduating seniors who can demonstrate high levels of proficiency in English and at least one other language. Tecumseh High School gives this award by following state-established guidelines.

A Seal of Biliteracy is literally a statement that is added to a student's transcript at the time of graduation that reads, "<Student Name> is awarded the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy for demonstrating high levels of proficiency in English and <world language>."

To be **eligible** for a Seal of Biliteracy assessment, a student must be within 15 months of graduation.

To earn a Seal of Biliteracy, a student must first demonstrate proficiency in **English** in one of 4 ways:

1. Earned a proficient level or higher on Ohio's required state tests for high school English language arts II (a 700 or greater on the ELA 2 End of Course Exam); or
2. Earned a remediation-free score on the English and reading sections of the ACT; or
3. Earned a proficient level or higher on an Ohio Department of Education-approved alternative assessment (TerraNova or Iowa Test); or
4. Earned a score of proficient or higher on the Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA or OTELA).

A student must also demonstrate proficiency in another language by meeting **1 of 6 of the ODE-established criteria** below. To meet this criteria, Tecumseh High School uses the [LAS Links](#) test for Spanish and French. Meeting criteria 3. Additional tests may be used for languages not listed. Students will assume financial responsibility for the necessary testing and scoring.

1. Passed an Advanced Placement (AP) foreign language examination with a score of 4 or higher. Students who choose this route will need to test during the Spring of their junior year.
2. Passed an International Baccalaureate (IB) foreign language examination with a score of 5 or higher on the Higher Level exam or a score of 6 or higher on the Standard Level exam.
3. Attained a score of Intermediate High or higher in comprehension, speaking, reading and writing the foreign language based on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Proficiency Guidelines found at actfl.org/, using [assessments approved by the Ohio Department of Education](#); or
4. Qualified for proficiency-based credits through Ohio's credit flexibility program and attained a score of Intermediate High or higher in comprehension, speaking, reading and writing based on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Proficiency Guidelines using assessments approved by the Ohio Department of Education; or
5. Attained a score equivalent to Intermediate High or higher on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Proficiency Guidelines in interpersonal signing, presentational signing and demonstrating understanding of American Sign Language on an American Sign Language assessment approved by the Ohio Department of Education; or
6. Attained a score equivalent to Intermediate High or higher on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Proficiency Guidelines in interpretive reading and presentational writing on a classical language assessment approved by the Ohio Department of Education.

Students interested in earning this seal should plan early and see their guidance counselor. [An application](#) needs to be completed as part of the process. It is recommended that students discuss this application with their guidance counselor at the start of their junior year to assure they have met all prerequisites for testing.

Questions regarding the State Seal of Biliteracy or the application and testing process can be directed to your high school guidance counselor.