



Robert E. Fitch High School

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Robert E. Fitch High School awards the Seal of Biliteracy in recognition of students who have attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. Read on for details ...

Fitch High School is proud to be one of just 16 high schools in the State to award the recently adopted Seal to graduating seniors in June 2018. **The Seal attests to a student's language ability in both English and a second language.** The Seal of Biliteracy is affixed to a student's diploma and is also noted on the final high school transcript, a lasting record, which will be sent to colleges and universities.

HOW DOES THIS INFORMATION APPLY TO ME?

You may be eligible to earn the Seal of Biliteracy if you:

- meet English language arts requirements for graduation
 - demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English at the "Intermediate Mid" level according to the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Language (ACTFL) standards in grade 10 or later
 - are a **World Language learner, English Language Learner** or **Heritage/Native/At-home speaker**
- *We want you to be aware of this opportunity and begin planning for it. You do not need to take the language for course credit at Fitch but you do need to speak, write, read and understand the language proficiently.*

HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR THE SEAL OF BILITERACY?

- ✓ **Contact your World Language teacher, ELL teacher or counselor.**
- ✓ IB Language B Spanish and French – ask your IB teacher or FHS IB Coordinator
- ✓ Online AAPPL or STAMP test for French, Spanish and many other modern languages costs \$20.00;
- ✓ ALIRA Latin test costs \$10.00
- ✓ ASL testing on request
- ✓ Heritage and home languages tests on request – Intermediate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, listening

HOW DOES THE SEAL BENEFIT ME?

- Certifies your biliteracy skills
- Recognizes your unique skill set, an asset on job and college applications
- Enables employers to identify you as having language skills for purposes of recruitment
- Gives colleges a method to give potential credit for high school work and to best place you in courses
- Proves your 21st century global communication skills that are in demand in the labor market
- Supports sharing your cultural traditions and enthusiasm for languages in your community

Throughout your career, globalization will become an increasingly significant factor in daily interaction. Assure future employers that you have the language skills that they need in order to remain competitive.

BE NEXT TO EARN THE SEAL OF BILITERACY!

