



Student Application for Indigenous Languages for the Montana Seal of Biliteracy

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award issued by the Board of Public Education to recognize a student who has attained proficiency in English and at least one additional language by high school graduation. A Platinum Seal is awarded to those attaining the Advanced Low level of proficiency. A Gold Seal is awarded to students attaining the Intermediate Mid level of proficiency. Verification that the criteria in both languages are met may become part of the student's high school transcript, at the school district's discretion. The Seal of Biliteracy serves to certify attainment of biliteracy for students, employers, and universities. It is a statement of accomplishment that helps to signal evidence of a student's readiness for career and college and for engagement as a global citizen.

Directions to Applicants:

1. Complete all sections of the application. Type or print all information legibly.
2. If the student would also like to be recognized for proficiency in an additional language, please fill out the common application for the Montana Seal of Biliteracy and submit both together.
3. Submit application and documentation of qualifying criteria to a high school official no later than May 1st.

Name of Student: _____ Today's Date: _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Expected Year of Graduation: _____

Name of School: _____

Name of School Official: _____ Position: _____

School Address: _____

Criteria

Indigenous Languages of Montana: Montana tribal governments will mirror the Class 7 Licensure process and set their own proficiency measures and criteria for the awarding of the Montana Seal of Biliteracy.

Name of Indigenous Language: _____

Description of evaluation process and brief illustration of what the student is able to do in the language:

Assessment information used to document proficiency in English

Language	Name of Assessment	Date Completed	Score*
English			

*Attach copy of score report

OR

This student has completed 4 units of English Language Arts.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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Assessment Options	English	Score / Proficiency Level
* WIDA ACCESS for ELLs	English - Advanced Low	IM: Completion of 4 units of English language arts, as required by the Montana Board of Public Education AL: 4.7
* ACT (ELA Composite Score)	English - Advanced Low	AL: 20
Montana BPE ELA Graduation Requirements	English - Intermediate Mid	IM: Completion of 4 units of English Language Arts

**Additional testing options for attaining the Platinum Award (Advanced Low) in English*

By signing below, I indicate I have provided accurate information and understand that school officials will verify the information before the Seal of Biliteracy is awarded.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Official Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit all application materials to the Board of Public Education at bpe@mt.gov by May 1st.

**For school official use only
Qualifications Checklist for a Montana Seal of Biliteracy**

<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for graduation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable evidence of proficiency in English	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Mid	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Low
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable evidence of proficiency in a Second Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Mid	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Low