



Student Application for the Montana Seal of Bilingualism

The Seal of Bilingualism 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 Bilingualism serves to certify attainment of bilingualism 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. Submit application and documentation of qualifying scores 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: _____

Assessment information used to document proficiency in English and a Second Language:

Language	Name of Assessment	Date Completed	Score*

*Attach copy of score report

If the student is to be recognized for additional languages, use the additional form and attach all additional score reports.

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

Criteria

Assessment Options	Languages	Score / Proficiency Level
Indigenous Languages of Montana		Montana tribes will mirror the Class 7 Licensure process and set their own proficiency measures and criteria for the awarding of the Montana Seal of Bilingualism.
* STAMP 4S	Arabic, English, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin (simplified), Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, Spanish, Spanish Monolingual	IM: 5 in all 4 domains AL: 7 in all 4 domains
STAMP WS (Writing and Speaking)	<u>Less-Commonly Taught/Tested Languages</u>	IM: 5 in all domains AL: 7 in all domains
STAMP for ASL	Receptive and Expressive Skills	IM: 5 in all domains AL: 7 in all domains
* AAPPL (ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages)	Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (European), Spanish	IM: I-3 in all 4 domains AL: A-1 in all 4 domains
ACTFL OPI (interview) & WPT (writing tasks)	<u>Less-Commonly Taught/Tested Languages</u>	IM: I-4 AL: A-1
ACTFL ALIRA	Latin	IM: I-3 AL: A-1
Advanced Placement Exam (AP / College Board)	Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Spanish, English	IM: 3 AL: 5
* International Baccalaureate (IB)	French, Spanish, English	IM: 4 AL: 6
SLPI National Technical Institute for the Deaf (SLPI),	American Sign Language	IM: Intermediate Plus AL: Advanced Plus
ASLPI Gallaudet University (ASLPI)	American Sign Language	IM: Level 3 AL: Level 4
* WIDA ACCESS for ELLs	English	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	AL: 20
Montana BPE ELA Graduation Requirements	English	IM: Completion of 4 units of English language arts

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

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Qualifications Checklist for a Montana Seal of Bilingualism

<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

Assessment information used to document proficiency additional languages

Language	Name of Assessment	Date Completed	Score*