

# Requirements for Earning an Ohio Seal of Biliteracy

To determine student eligibility to earn an Ohio Seal of Biliteracy, the answer must be an unqualified “Yes” to **all** the following questions:

## 1. Is the student eligible to earn a high school diploma?

*Qualifiers:*

- a. Is the student currently a senior or a junior in good standing within 15 months of graduating?
- b. Does the student attend a school that is officially participating in the state’s Seal of Biliteracy program – or – is he or she an eligible home-schooled student?

## 2. Has the student met one of the following English language arts qualifiers?

*Qualifiers:*

- a. Earned a proficient level or higher on Ohio’s prescribed state test(s) for high school English language arts; or
- b. Earned a remediation-free score on the English and reading sections of one of the state-recognized college readiness exams prescribed by division (B)(1) of section [3301.0712](#) of the Revised Code; or
- c. Earned a proficient level or higher on an Ohio Department of Education and Workforce approved alternative assessment pursuant to section [3313.619](#) of the Revised Code; or
- d. Earned a score of proficient or higher on the Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA) for grades 9-12 or the grades 9-12 assessment approved by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce pursuant to division (C)(3) of section [3301.0711](#) of the Revised Code used to assess a student’s progress in learning English if the student has been identified as an English Learner.

## 3. Has the student satisfied one of the following foreign language qualifiers?

*Qualifiers:*

- a. Passed an Advanced Placement (AP) World Language and Culture Exam with a score of 4 or higher; or
- b. Passed an International Baccalaureate (IB) modern or classical 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; or
- c. Attained a score of Intermediate High or higher in comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing the language based on the ACTFL 2024 Proficiency Guidelines found at [actfl.org](#), using assessments approved by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce; or
- d. Attained a score equivalent to Intermediate High or higher on the ACTFL 2024 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 and Workforce; or
- e. Attained a score equivalent to Intermediate High or higher on the ACTFL 2024 Proficiency Guidelines in interpretive reading on a classical language assessment approved by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.