



State Seal of Biliteracy Assessments 2021-2022

October 1, 2021

Dear Students and Families of the Classes of 2022 and 2023,

This letter serves to inform you of an opportunity to achieve a [State Seal of Biliteracy](#) by taking a language assessment. By achieving the State Seal of Biliteracy, students demonstrate that they can speak, read, comprehend, and write in two (e.g., English and French) or more languages (e.g., English, French, and Chinese) at high levels of proficiency. The State Seal of Biliteracy seeks to:

- Certify attainment of biliteracy;
- Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills;
- Provide universities with a method to recognize and award academic credit to applicants seeking admission; and
- Strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and language of a community.

In order to be eligible for a State Seal of Biliteracy, students must demonstrate proficiency in both English and a language(s) other than English. English proficiency is measured by the language assessment that students use as part of graduation requirements (e.g., NJSLA/PARCC, SAT, ACT, ACCUPLACER, Portfolio).

Proficiency for language(s) other than English will be measured by a [STAMP Assessment](#). The assessment measures the following four language domains: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Assessments will be taken by interested juniors and seniors in January (approximately) and take about 2 hours to complete. The logistics of STAMP assessment administration are still being considered as districts are awaiting guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education. We envision students taking the assessments in school in a central location (e.g., computer lab) while observing social distancing protocols and procedures.

The cost for a STAMP assessment is **\$30.00**. Please include a check written out to Livingston High School with the slip below and give it to your language teacher (or mail it to Dr. Greer c/o the LHS Main Office) by **Wednesday, November 24, 2021** to secure your assessment. The student name should appear on the memo line of the check. Should you have any questions or concerns about the State Seal of Biliteracy or associated fees please reach out to me directly using the email/phone number supplied above. Thank you!

In partnership,

Dr. David G. Greer

Supervisor of WL and ELL

Student Name: _____ Language for Assessment: _____

Student email: _____

Teacher Name: _____ Check enclosed: Yes Check Number: _____