

Are You Implementing the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy in Your District?

The **Seal of Biliteracy** recognizes K-12 graduates from English learner, dual language and world language programs who speak, listen, read and write proficiently in another language in addition to English with a seal on their high school diploma. The Seal of Biliteracy is overseen by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and supported by the Language Opportunity Coalition, a collaboration between MaFLA, MABE and MATSOL.

How You Can Become Involved:

Read the *DESE Guidance for Implementing the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy*: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/biliteracy/>

Notify DESE of your district's intent to participate in the State Seal of Biliteracy Program. Email: MAStateSealofBiliteracy@doe.mass.edu

Join the Language Opportunity Coalition Seal of Biliteracy Google Group to ask questions, discuss process and review prior posts from participants: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/sealofbiliteracyma>

Review the Language Opportunity Coalition Website www.sealofbiliteracyma.org which is organized by the suggested steps for implementation. Also on the site, read the *LOC Timeline and Guiding Questions for the LOC Biliteracy Awards* which includes advice, templates, and lessons learned from the LOC Pilot: https://sealofbiliteracyma.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/timeline-and-guiding-questions-loc-biliteracy-awards_03302019.pdf

Levels of Implementation in Massachusetts

| Seal of Biliteracy Levels | Grade Level of Award | Proficiency Level of Partner Language |
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| <i>DESE Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction</i> | High school graduation | Advanced Low |
| <i>DESE Seal of Biliteracy</i> | High school graduation | Intermediate High |
| <i>LOC Biliteracy Achievement</i> | High school graduation Or 8 th grade graduation | Intermediate Mid |
| <i>LOC Biliteracy Attainment Award</i> | Elementary School language programs | Intermediate Low |
| <i>LOC Bilingual Participation Award</i> | Preschool, elementary and students with disabilities | Novice High |