

Seal of Biliteracy Pilot Project: 2017 Update

The Seal of Biliteracy recognizes graduates who speak, listen, read and write proficiently in another language in addition to English with a seal on the high school diploma. Schools and districts across the Commonwealth are participating in the pilot project to make awards at the local level.

Seal of Biliteracy Award Recipients	2017 Awards	2016 Awards
Platinum Seal of Biliteracy (Advanced-Low)	106	19
Gold Seal of Biliteracy (Intermediate-High)	250	55
Silver Seal of Biliteracy (Intermediate-Mid)	222	208
Biliteracy Attainment Award (Intermediate-Low)	129	32
Total	707	314

Participating Massachusetts School Districts

2017 Awards made in Andover, Boston, Chelsea, Falmouth, Framingham, Melrose, Newton, Norwood, Pioneer Valley Regional School, Pittsfield, Wayland, Westwood, Wilmington, and Winchester. Additional districts are in the planning stages for making awards.

Participating Language Learning Programs

World Language, Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE), Two-Way Immersion (TWI), and Spanish for Spanish Speakers programs.



What is the Seal of Biliteracy Pilot Project?

The Seal of Biliteracy Pilot Project is a grassroots initiative lead by a working group of almost 80 Massachusetts educators from ESL, bilingual, and world language programs. The group worked collaboratively to set the award criteria, and meet monthly to share resources related to implementation. Awards are authorized by local school districts and school committees, and follow the criteria developed for the pilot. The success of this project is due to broad support for the Seal of Biliteracy award program across the Commonwealth.

Find out more about the Seal of Biliteracy Pilot Project
www.LanguageOpportunity.org