



Kankakee School District #111

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Kankakee SD 111 will be awarding the State of Illinois Seal of Biliteracy in recognition of students who attain proficiency in two or more languages. This achievement honors students who demonstrate proficiency in all four domains, Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing in target languages.

The Seal of Biliteracy honors students who demonstrate proficiency in English by achieving a score of 21 on the ACT, or attain a Level of composite score of 4.8 on the ACCESS examination. Students may demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language by earning a 4 or better on the AP exam for that language.

In accordance with Illinois School Code, the State Seal of Biliteracy will be placed on the students' diploma and High School Transcript. These students will also receive recognition at Graduation with a Medal for earning the State Seal of Biliteracy. Public Colleges and Universities are being encouraged to accept the State Seal of Biliteracy and allow credit for two foreign language classes.

Since AP Exam results are reported in July (at which time students who achieve the criteria for this years' State Seal of Biliteracy recognition will be awarded) the District has decided to offer students the opportunity to demonstrate their fluency in the Spanish Language by taking the AAPL Exam. Students taking the AAPL exam must achieve a score of Intermediate High in reading, writing, listening and speaking to be considered fluent in the target language.

State Commendation is awarded to students who demonstrate significant strides, yet do not meet the requirements of the Seal of Biliteracy.

In order to receive the State's Commendation, students must achieve an "Intermediate low or equivalent in targeted foreign language assessment. English Language proficiency is considered as a Meets in the State's ELA assessment or minimum ACT score. Students must "meet the minimum score for the ACCESS part-time placement.

Sincerely,

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