

Iowa Seal of Biliteracy Cedar Falls Schools

The Iowa Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the District to recognize students who have attained proficiency in two or more languages, one of which is English, by high school graduation. Being able to know and use more than one language is a critical skill for the 21st century. The seal of biliteracy:

- Values language as an asset
- Recognizes the value of language diversity & cultural identity
- Prepares students with 21st century skills that will benefit them in the labor market and the global society
- Provides employers, universities, and grant/scholarship providers with a method to recognize applicants for their dedication to attainment of biliteracy.

Several options are available to show proficiency in English and a second world language. The District receives scores on the following assessments; however, additional exams and assessments can be used to show proficiency as outlined in the [Iowa Seal of Biliteracy Guidance](#).

Students must demonstrate proficiency in English. Cedar Falls current assessment options include:

Exam	Minimum Score
ACT	English 18
AP Language or AP Literature Exam	3
Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) in grades 9-11	Proficient in English/Language Arts

To be eligible to be awarded the Iowa Seal of Biliteracy, students shall demonstrate proficiency in a world language. The current Cedar Falls assessment options include:

Assessment	Language(s)	Minimum Score to Qualify for Seal of Biliteracy	More Information on Assessment
Advanced Placement (AP) Language and Culture Exam	Spanish, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese	3	AP Language and Culture Exams

**The District will award the seal after graduation, since the AP test results will not be received until after that date. The student's transcript will reflect the seal once the requirements are met.

Students interested in receiving the Iowa Seal of Biliteracy should contact Brittan Engels, Cedar Falls World Languages Teacher, by March 15 to indicate intent, Additional information is available on the [Iowa Department of Education website](#) or by contacting Brittan Engels at 319-553-2500.