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We are so excited to once again be able to offer students the opportunity to earn the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy. This year, for the first time, **it is open to both seniors AND juniors!**

The New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the NJ Department of Education in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in at least one language in addition to English by high school graduation. This designation on a student's high school diploma also provides employers and universities with a method of identifying bilingual candidates, students with 21st century skills, and those who have prioritized the study of other languages and cultures. Moreover, the Seal of Biliteracy emphasizes the importance of multilingualism and cultural understanding.

Who is eligible? Students must be a current BRHS 11th or 12th grade student. It is recommended that you are enrolled in a level V, or AP World Language course, or even IV H. If you have questions about whether or not you would be a good candidate, you should contact your World Language teacher.

How do students earn the Seal of Biliteracy? Proficiency in English AND a language other than English. To demonstrate proficiency, students must attain the English language arts graduation requirements **AND** attain proficiency on the AVANT Stamp (minimum score of 5 in all components).

When and how will students be tested? The testing window will occur in the beginning of January during the school day. Dates to follow after registration. Students will take the Avant STAMP for all languages (online only, there will be no paper based writing options).

How much does the test cost? No cost for multilingual learners in the ESL program and students who are currently enrolled in the BRHS World Language class for which they are testing. **If you are interested in taking the test for a language that you study or use outside of school and BRHS does not offer the language or you are not currently taking that World Language class, you will assume responsibility for the cost of the test.** A separate communication about payment will be sent to students for which this applies. (Latin is 10.90 and all other languages are 22.90).

Can students take the test for more than one language? Yes! However, students testing in more than one language will assume responsibility for the cost of each additional test.

Please complete [this form](#) to register during the week of 12/9/24. Late registrations will not be accepted. You can also scan this QR code to register.

