



South St. Paul Secondary is excited to announce that we are now offering the Minnesota Bilingual/Multilingual Seal and Certificate!

Who can earn this?

Juniors and seniors who can demonstrate the required proficiency levels in reading, writing, speaking and listening will qualify for a certificate or seal. South Saint Paul students can demonstrate their language skills by taking the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program (DP) exam for their language of study. If the student is fluent in a language other than Chinese, French, or Spanish or not in an IB language they can still earn the Bilingual Seal by taking another exam available and approved by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). In order to earn the seal, students also need to demonstrate mastery of Minnesota's English language proficiency standards and satisfactorily complete all required English language arts credits.



Where is the credit valid?

Earning a certificate or seal guarantees the student college credit at a Minnesota State college or university according to the table below. Students must request the college semester credit within three academic years of graduation from high school and upon enrollment in a Minnesota State college or university. If students are planning to attend a school outside of the Minnesota State system, they will need to contact that school directly to learn what options exist. More information is available on the MN Department of Education [website](#).

CERTIFICATE, SEALS	IB TEST SCORE	ACTFL PROFICIENCY LEVEL	COLLEGE CREDIT
World language proficiency certificate	3 on SL exam	Intermediate-low (STAMP Score 4)	2 semesters
Gold bilingual or multilingual seal	4 or 5 on SL exam	Intermediate-high (Stamp Score 6)	3 semesters per language
Platinum bilingual or multilingual seal	6 or 7 on SL exam 4 or above on HL exam	Advanced-low (Stamp Score 7)	4 semesters per language

How to Register?

If a student is enrolled in an IB DP course, they should have already registered to take the DP exam. If a student is not in a DP course for their language, they can register to take an alternate exam if available and approved by the MDE. The tentative testing date for most languages will be Tuesday, March 19. Please complete this [form](#) to register for the exam by Tuesday, February 26. Some languages will be given on a separate date and after you register, you will be notified of that date.

Resources?

[Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages \(ACTFL\) Proficiency Guidelines](#)

(Provides a description of what language learners can do with the language in the four modalities at each proficiency level, regardless of when, where, or how the language is acquired.)

[STAMP Sample Tests](#)

Questions?

If you have any questions please contact Melissa Miller, mmiller@sspps.org, 651-552-5569.