

Minnesota Bilingual/Multilingual Seals and World Language Proficiency Certificate

Quick Fact Sheet

- Minnesota Bilingual Seals were legislated in June 2015
- This legislation required that:
 - Districts record Seals and World Language Proficiency Certificates **on student transcripts** (for students who demonstrated language proficiency through an assessment)
 - Seals **must be affixed to transcripts.**
- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (former MnSCU, now Minnesota State) are required to award college credit to **enrolled students** who earned these awards in high school
 - **Students must request** college credit **within three years** of high school graduation.
- Several different language proficiency assessments are currently being used in MPS.
 - Language proficiency assessments are currently available in the following languages: ASL, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish. Hindi, Italian, and Thai will be available thin 2017-2018 school year.
 - AP and IB DP exams count towards the awards.

Levels of awards and other details

Award	Criteria	Notes	College Credit Awarded
Bilingual (Multilingual) Platinum Seal	ACTFL Advanced-Low or higher in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. English Language Arts credit for graduation	Assessment must be taken in grade 10, 11, or 12 Only awarded upon high school graduation. ELA credit verification needed.	4 semesters Minnesota State credit <i>*potentially between 12 -16 credits depending on a college.</i>
Bilingual (Multilingual) Gold Seal	ACTFL Intermediate-High or higher in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. English Language Arts credit for graduation	Assessment must be taken in grade 10, 11, or 12 Only awarded upon high school graduation. ELA credit verification needed.	3 semesters Minnesota State credit <i>*potentially between 4.5 - 9 credits depending on a college.</i>
World Language Proficiency Certificate	ACTFL Intermediate-Low or higher in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.	Assessment can be taken in grade 9-12 Awarded in the year assessment is taken NO ELA credit verification needed.	2 semesters Minnesota State credit <i>*potentially between 3 - 6 credit depending on a college.</i>

Note: Students will receive a Multilingual Platinum or Gold Seal (rather than a Bilingual Seal) if they demonstrate proficiency in more than one language, other than English

ACTFL Proficiency Guideline	Award	Minnesota State College Credit
Superior		
Advanced High		
Advanced Mid		
Advanced Low	Bilingual Platinum Seal	4 semesters credit
Intermediate High	Bilingual Gold Seal	3 semesters credit
Intermediate Mid		
Intermediate Low	World Language Proficiency Certificate	2 semesters credit
Novice High		
Novice Mid		
Novice Low		

Sample transcript:

The screenshot shows a student's transcript with the following fields and data:

- Name:** [Redacted]
- Parent:** [Redacted]
- Address:** [Redacted]
- Telephone:** [Redacted]
- Birthdate:** [Redacted]
- State ID:** [Redacted]
- Major:** [Redacted]
- Credits:** [Redacted]

The transcript also displays a Bilingual Gold Seal award, highlighted in pink, with the text: **BILINGUAL GOLD SEAL (SPANISH) ACTFL IN**. A purple box highlights a gold seal image and the number 27.

Below the transcript, there are two header rows for a table:

CR	SECT	COURSE	CRS	TITLE	CRDIT	SEC	ABS	ACQ	DEPT	TCR	CRS	TITLE	CRDIT	SEC	ABS
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