

## Minnesota Bilingual/Multilingual Seals and World Language Proficiency Certificate

### Quick Fact Sheet

- Minnesota Bilingual Seals were legislated in June 2015.
- This legislation requires 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 Grades 10, 11, and 12.
  - **Students must request** college credit from the college or university **within three years** of high school graduation.
- World Language Proficiency Certificate can be awarded to any grades; however, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will not award college credit to a certificate when earned in Grade 9.
- Several different language proficiency assessments are available in the following languages. - ASL, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Thai.
- AP language 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 any grades. (In MPS, we offer it only to high school students)  Awarded in the year assessment is taken  NO ELA credit verification needed.	2 semesters Minnesota State credit ( <b>only those who earned it in Grades 10, 11, and 12.</b> )  <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 transcript system interface. On the left, there is a gold seal icon with the number 27 next to it. The main area displays a form with the following fields:

- Acad: [input field]
- Credits: [input field]
- Name: [input field]
- Parent: [input field]
- Address: [input field]
- Telephone: [input field]

Below the form, there is a table with the following headers:

TS	SEX	Counselor	Advisor	Birthdate	State ID	Enter	From	Graduate							
DEPT	DEPT	TCHR/CRS	CRS	TITLE	CREDIT	GRD	ABS	SCHL	DEPT	TCHR/CRS	CRS	TITLE	CREDIT	GRD	ABS