



The New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) recognizes students from district, charter, and non-public schools who have attained

(one of which must be English) by high school graduation. It acknowledges the importance of biliteracy in today's global society.



- provide universities with additional information about applicants seeking admission;
- prepare students with twenty-first century skills; and
- recognize the value of world and home language instruction in schools.



The ratios listed are the number of schools offering the NYSSB to the total number of district schools in the region.

In 2022-23, Western region students earned the NYSSB in 33 different languages:

Arabic, Bengali, Bulgarian, Czech, Dari, French, German, Hausa, Hungarian, Japanese, Karen, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Korean, Latin, Lebanese, Lingala, Macedonian, Mandarin, Nepali, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Rohingya, Russian, Serbian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Tigrinya, Turkish, Urdu

