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Dear Ridge High School juniors and seniors and families,

I am proud to announce that Ridge juniors and seniors will again have the opportunity to earn the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy. This honor is awarded to students who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. The Seal of Biliteracy includes a certificate prepared by the NJ Department of Education, an notation on the student's transcript and identification in the graduation program. This seal provides evidence of linguistic skills that are attractive to future employers and college admission offices.

In order for students to be considered for this recognition, they must meet the following criteria:

1. Students must demonstrate a proficiency level of Intermediate Mid (as described by the [American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages](#)) in a world language.
2. Students must demonstrate proficiency in English and Math by meeting State high school [graduation requirements](#) or its alternative.
3. English Language Learners (ELLs) may demonstrate English language proficiency by achieving a score of at least 4 on all sections (e.g. listening, speaking, reading, and writing) on Tier B or Tier C of the ACCESS for ELLs assessment during their junior year of high school. ELLs must also demonstrate proficiency in their native language in addition to English.
4. All students must achieve [graduation requirements](#) in all other content areas.

Ridge Students enrolled in our World Language or ESL classes may take the assessment on the following times:

Class of 2019 - Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 8:30am at Ridge HS

Class of 2020 - Wednesday, June 19 and/or Thursday, June 20th at 12:15pm at Ridge HS

Please complete the form located at <https://tinyurl.com/RHSseal1819> and submit a check payable to Ridge High School November 20, 2018 to secure a seat.

For more information please visit <http://www.state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/wl/biliteracy/> or contact me directly. We look forward to celebrating this impressive accomplishment with our students and staff!

Sincerely,
Katherine Stotler



Language Tests and Costs for the Seal of Biliteracy

For the 2018-2019 test administration, Ridge High School will only offer tests in the World Languages offered in our Program of Studies.

* However, students enrolled in our ESL program will be offered the opportunity to take an assessment in their native language.

Students must take the test in the 2nd semester of Junior year or the 1st Semester of Sr

<u>Language</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Test Title</u>	<u>Testing Time</u>
French	\$25	STAMP	*Approximately 2 hours
Italian	\$25	STAMP	*Approximately 2 hours
Latin	\$10	ALIRA	*Approximately 2 hours
Spanish	\$25	STAMP	*Approximately 2 hours

*Some students on the STAMP test took as much as 4 hours as the test is adaptable to each student.

[AAPPL](#)

-Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages - An achievement level of I-3 is required on all four components of the assessment (across the three modes of communication): Interpretive Listening & Reading, Interpersonal Listening & Speaking and Presentational Writing.

[ALIRA](#)

-ACTFL Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment - An achievement level of I-3 is required on this Interpretive Reading Test

[STAMP](#)

-Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency - An achievement level of Intermediate Mid is required by earning a score of 5 or higher in all Writing/Speaking and Reading/Listening levels.

NOTE: Students enrolled AP Advanced Placement language and culture exams during their junior year and score a 4 or higher may use this information to earn the seal the following year.