Seal of Biliteracy
Bob Jones High School

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1. If you are interested in applying for the Alabama Seal of Biliteracy, please review the **Seal of Biliteracy Overview located on the MCS website (currently down)** for more information about proficiency requirements, languages offered, test demos, and the first-time application form link.

2. **What should you do to apply?**

Application Links are on the MCS and BJHS websites under Academics.

a. If you are a first-time test taker, please complete the first-time test taker application link. All first-time test takers will need to pay the application fee & the test fee.

b. If you have already taken a language test but have yet to reach a benchmark score on all components, please complete the retest application link. If you are retesting, you will **not** need to pay another application fee, just the retest fee. Please contact a member of the SoBL team in person or via email if you have any questions!

c. If you have already taken and passed all sections of your other language test, your English proficiency requirements will be verified when you are a senior. Please see the chart below for English proficiency options. Once verification of graduation requirements and proficiency in English have been completed, we will contact you about the ceremony at which you will receive your medal and certificate. **Check your school email** for those dates and information.

Chart 1: English Language Proficiency Criteria Options	
Option 1	ACT English: A score of 18 or higher.
Option 2	ACT Reading: A score of 20 or higher.
Option 3	Advanced Placement Language Examination: A score of three (3) or higher.
Option 4	International Baccalaureate Examination: A score of five (5) or higher.
Option 5	WIDA ACCESS 2.0: For non-native English speakers, the student shall meet and maintain Alabama exit criteria in English proficiency. A composite score of Level 4.8 or higher.
Option 6	American Council of Teachers of Foreign Language Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages: For non-native English speakers, an intermediate Mid-3 or higher score in English.

3. **What should you do after you apply and make your payment?**

    a. When the application and fee window has ended, the SoBL team will contact you via school email to schedule your test. **CHECK YOUR EMAIL** before the testing window begins!

    b. You will also have access to a document detailing how to prepare for your specific test. Take some time to prepare and practice before the day of your test.

4. **What should you do after you take your test?**

    a. Tests can take 2-3 weeks to be fully scored.
    b. Once all of your scores are in, you will receive a score report from the school.

        i. If you have reached the minimum benchmark score on each test section, please read section **"c"** under **"Applicants"** on this document.

        ii. If you have NOT reached the minimum benchmark score on any of the test sections, you will have the opportunity for a retake.

        iii. If you have any questions about your scores or language requirements, please contact a SoBL team member.

5. **SENIORS:** If you are a senior in the year you take your language test, we encourage you to test in the Fall semester in case you need to retest due to scores or complications while completing the test.

6. **What can you do with your certificate?** When you earn the Seal of Biliteracy, you will receive documentation as to your level of proficiency in your world language. You can use this documentation as evidence for your professional portfolio, your resume, and even your LinkedIn profile.