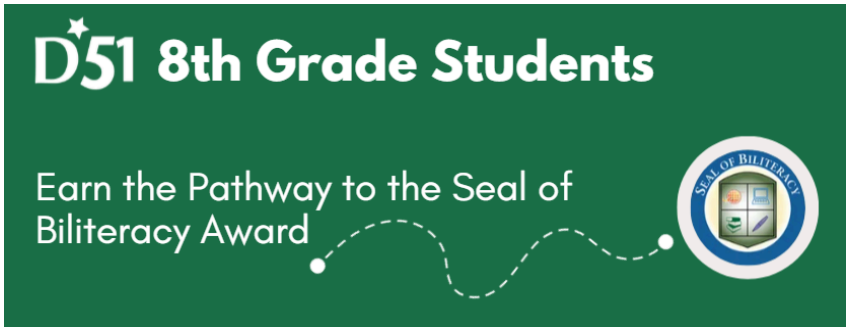
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Vision - Promoting and Celebrating Biliteracy

District 51 celebrates students who develop the ability to communicate in more than one language and recognizes the language and cultural knowledge they bring to our schools and communities.

The Pathway to the Seal of Biliteracy Award recognizes 5th- and 8th-grade students who meet grade-level expectations in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in two languages. The Pathway Award celebrates students' progress in both languages and encourages them to keep developing their bilingual skills throughout their education.

Students who receive a Pathway Award are building their language knowledge as they work toward the Colorado Seal of Biliteracy, which can be earned their senior year of high school. District 51 wants every student to see their languages as a strength and to take pride in becoming bilingual and biliterate.

Eighth-Grade Pathway to the Seal of Biliteracy Award

Language Proficiency Requirements & Checklist

English Proficiency Requirement (Select ONE):

- ☐ Grades: Earn a 3 or better in ELA for two out of the first three quarters of the year.
- ☐ WIDA/ACCESS test (Multilingual Learners only): 4.0 or higher in the following areas:
  - Composite
  - Literacy

World Language Proficiency Requirement:

- ☐ Avant STAMP in a world language: Score of 5 or higher.

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Pathway to the Seal of Biliteracy Award with Distinction

Students have the option to earn a Pathway to the Seal of Biliteracy Award with Distinction by completing both requirements below:

- ☐ 10 hours of documented volunteer experience in English
- ☐ 10 hours of volunteer experience in a world language.

Use the Pathway to the Seal of Biliteracy Award with Distinction Service Learning Log:

- Service Learning Log (English)
- Registro del servicio-aprendizaje (español)

Timeline

All Year

- Work hard and focus during lessons to grow in both languages.
- Read in both languages each night and practice speaking and listening at home.

October

- Share information about the Pathway to the Seal of Biliteracy Award with your family.

November

- Take the STAMP test to demonstrate proficiency in a World Language on November 14, 2026, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. If this date does not work, you can take the STAMP test in April.
  - Bring your Avant STAMP registration page to school by November 2, 2026, and return it to the teacher listed at the top of the form.

April

- Complete the Pathway to the Seal of Biliteracy Award application & return it to the teacher listed at the top of the form by April 30, 2027.
- If you did not take the STAMP test in November to demonstrate proficiency in a world Language:
  - Take the Avant STAMP test on April 17, 2027, from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. at the Educational Services Center at East, 830 Gunnison Ave, Grand Junction, CO. Bring your registration form to school by April 2, 2027.

May

- Receive your Pathway to the Seal of Biliteracy Award at your school's awards ceremony.

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Avant STAMP Testing Schedule

The Avant STAMP 4S Exam (no cost) is a way to demonstrate proficiency in a world language.

Call your child's school for a copy of the registration form. 🔗 Avant STAMP Exam Registration (English) 🔗Formulario de inscripción para el examen Avant Stamp (español)	
Educational Services Center at East 830 Gunnison Ave, Grand Junction, CO	**REGISTER FOR ONE TEST ONLY** Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 9 am-12 pm **Registration Due November 2, 2026** Saturday, April 17, 2027, from 9 am-12 pm **Registration Due April 2, 2027**

Students can test in the following languages to demonstrate proficiency:

- Arabic (Modern Standard)
- Cantonese
- French
- German
- Hawaiian (ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi)
- Hebrew
- Japanese
- Korean
- Chinese (Simplified)
- Chinese (Traditional)
- Portuguese (Brazilian)
- Russian
- Spanish
- Yupʼik