



Who are the recipients of the NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)?



The NYSSB is an award given to a student who has demonstrated a high level of proficiency in English and one or more world languages.



Total # of students who earned the NYSSB in 2020-21: **5,492**



3,780 (68.8%)



1,709 (31.1%)



3 (0.1%)



93 students have earned the Seal in TWO world languages in addition to English!



4 students have earned the Seal in THREE world languages in addition to English!



English Language Learners (ELLs): 417 (7.6%)

Former/Ever ELLs: 866 (15.7%)

Never ELLs whose home language is English: 3,493 (63.7%)

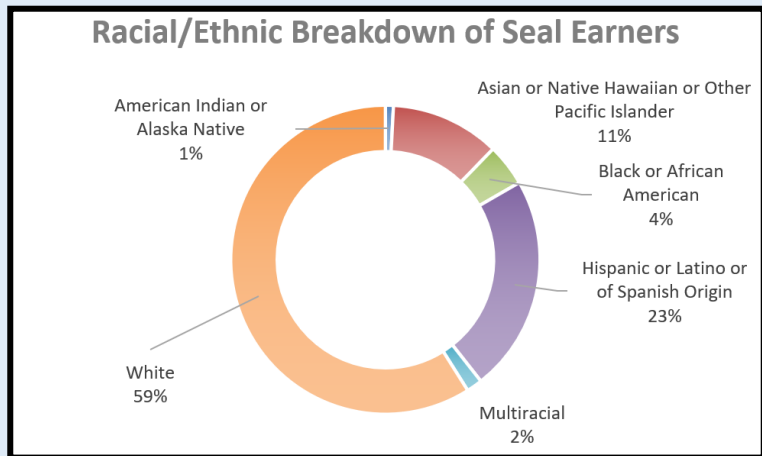
Never ELLs whose home language is not English: 716 (13%)



of schools reporting data : **324**



of languages in which Seals were earned: **54**



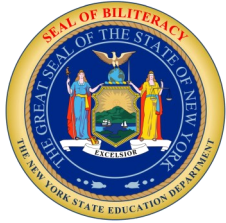
Albanian, American Sign Language, Arabic, Bengali, Bisaya/Cebuano, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Chin (Myanmar), Chuukese, Danish, Dari, Farsi, French, Georgian, German, Greek, Guarani, Gujarati, Haitian Creole, Hausa, Hindi, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Kinyamulenge, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Korean, Latin, Lingala, Maithili, Malayalam, Mandarin, Nepali, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Soninke, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish, Tuscarora, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese



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How has the Seal of Biliteracy evolved in New York State?



The NYSSB was offered for the first time as a pilot program in 2015-16.

Total # of students who have earned the NYSSB: 17,825



2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
284	1,355	2,054	4,031	4,609	5,492

Current ELLs	# of students earning the Seal
2015-16	22
2016-17	80
2017-18	87
2018-19	218
2019-20	181
2020-21	417

Former/Ever ELLs	# of students earning the Seal
2015-16	84
2016-17	279
2017-18	524
2018-19	873
2019-20	1,046
2020-21	866

Never ELLs	# of students earning the Seal
2015-16	178
2016-17	995
2017-18	1,440
2018-19	2,940
2019-20	3,382
2020-21	3,493

In 2020-21, a fourth student subgroup was identified:
Never ELLs whose home language is other than English.

Total # of schools reporting data on the NYSSB:

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
14	84	115	228	292	324

Total # of languages in which students earned the Seal:

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
9	33	39	47	58	54

Year	# of students who earned the Seal in 2 world languages (in addition to English)	# of students who earned the Seal in 3 world languages (in addition to English)
2015-16	0	0
2016-17	6	0
2017-18	12	0
2018-19	23	1
2019-20	80	3
2020-21	93	4



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