

# NYS Seal of Biliteracy Mid-State Region 2020-21



The New York Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) recognizes students from district, charter, and non-public schools who have attained a **high level of proficiency in two or more world languages** (one of which must be English) by high school graduation. It acknowledges the importance of biliteracy in today's global society.



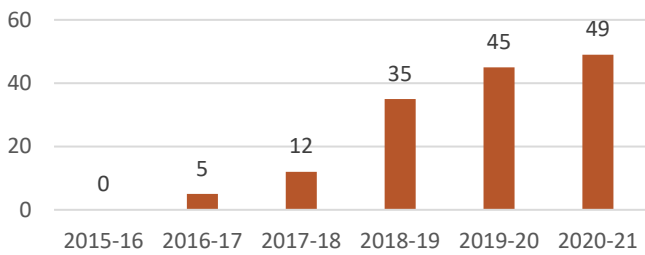
The intent of the NYSSB is to:

- affirm the value of diversity in a multilingual society;
- encourage the study of languages;
- identify high school graduates with multilingualism and multiliteracy skills for employers;
- 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 NYSSB carries the highest weight on a school's "[Readiness Measures](#)", on par with the NYS Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams. This also includes current ELLs not in the graduation cohort earning the NYSSB and a Regents Diploma.

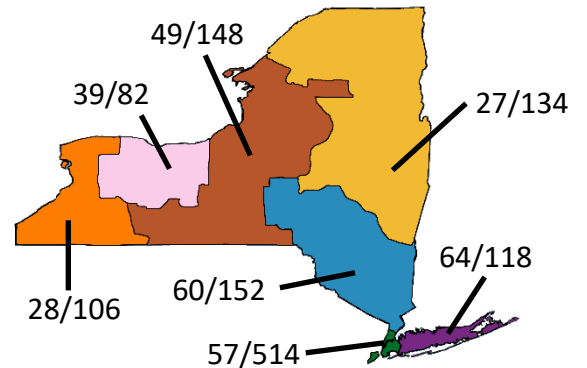
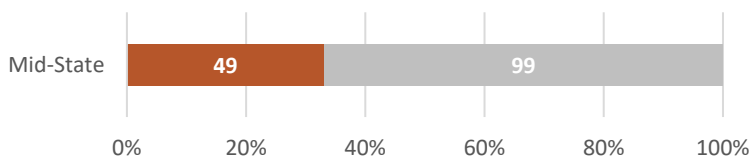
Number of Schools Offering the NYSSB in the Mid-State Region (2016-2021)



## 33.1%

of district schools in the Mid-State region offered the NYSSB in 2020-21.

Number of District Schools Offering vs. Not Offering the NYSSB in the Mid-State Region (2020-21)



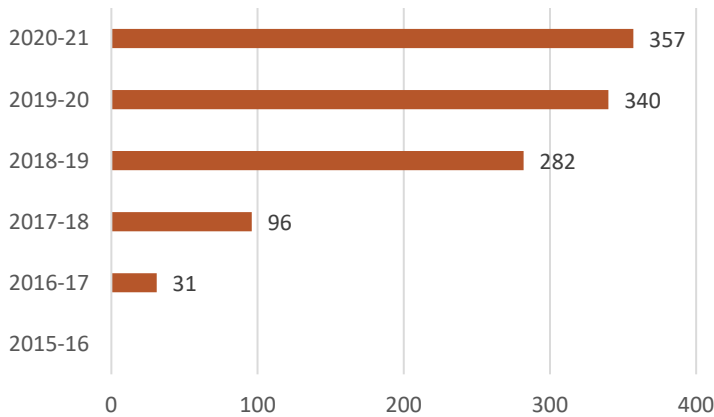
The ratios listed are the number of schools offering the NYSSB to the total number of district schools in the region.

### Languages in which Mid-State students earned the NYSSB in 2020-21

Arabic, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Chin, Dari, English, Farsi, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Karen, Kinyarwanda, Latin, Nepali, Pashto, Polish, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Telugu, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese

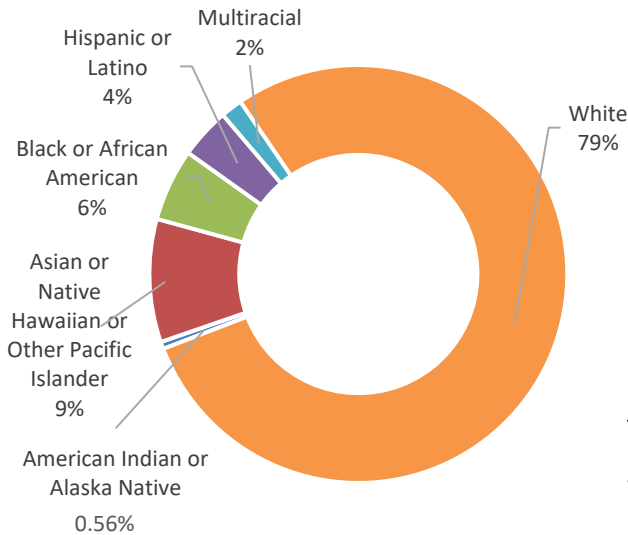
357 students from the Mid-State region earned the NYSSB in 2020-21.

NYSSB Earners in the Mid-State Region (2016-2021)



Despite the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic, the number of students from the Mid-State region earning the NYSSB continues to increase.

Percentage of Students who Earned the NYSSB in the Mid-State Region by Race/Ethnicity (2020-21)



1 Student from the Mid-State region earned the NYSSB in three world languages in addition to English in 2020-21.

Seal Earners by Gender



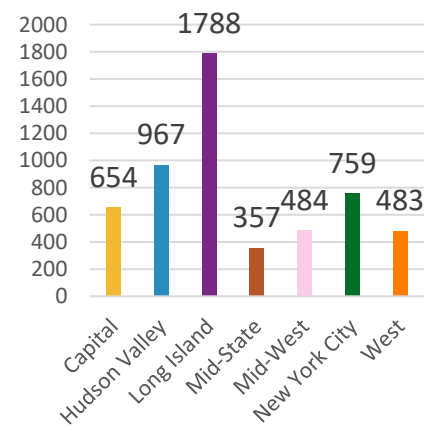
Seal Earners by ELL Status

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| Current ELLs                         | 20  |
| Former/Ever ELLs                     | 39  |
| Never ELLs - Home Language = English | 278 |
| Never ELLs - Home Language ≠ English | 20  |

**Current ELLs** are students who, by birth or ancestry, speak or understand a language other than English and who score below the designated level on the NYS English language proficiency assessment. **Ever ELLs** (includes Former ELLs) are students who were once ELLs, but who have demonstrated the NYS designated level of proficiency necessary to exit ELL status. **Never ELLs** are students who have never been identified as ELLs. A Never ELL's home language may be English or another world language.



13 Students from the Mid-State region earned the NYSSB in two world languages in addition to English in 2020-21.



Your local RBERN can also provide support for your Seal of Biliteracy Program.

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