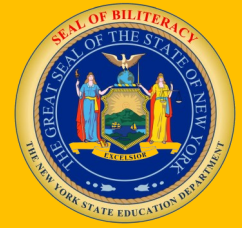




# Who are the recipients of the NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)?



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 2021-22: **7,114**



**4,796**  
(67.4%)



**2,311**  
(32.5%)



**7**  
(0.1%)



**184** students earned the Seal in TWO world languages in addition to English!

**11** students earned the Seal in THREE world languages in addition to English!

**1** student earned the Seal in FOUR world languages in addition to English!



**736** English Language Learners (ELLs) earned the Seal. (10%)

**1,136** Ever ELLs earned the Seal (16%)

**4,245** Never ELLs whose home language is English earned the Seal (60%)

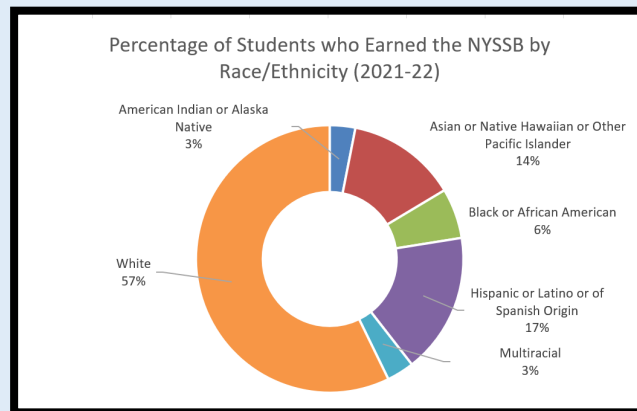
**997** Never ELLs whose home language is not English earned the Seal (14%)



**374** schools that offered the Seal



**68** languages in which Seals were earned



**35% of Seal earners in 2021-22 were of Hispanic ethnicity of any race.**

Albanian, American Sign Language, Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bambara, Bangla, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Croatian, Czech, Dari, Dutch, Farsi, French, Fulani, German, Greek, Guarani, Gujarati, Haitian Creole, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Igbo, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Karenni, Kinyarwanda, Kizigua, Korean, Krio, Latin, Lingala, Macedonian, Mai Mai, Malay, Malayalam, Mandarin, Mandinka, Nepali, Onondaga, Pashto, Poe Karen, Polish, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Somali, Soninke, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Tagalog, Telugu, Thai, Tigrinya, Turkish, Tuscarora, Twi, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese, Yoruba



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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: 24,939



2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
284	1,355	2,054	4,031	4,609	5,492	7,114

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
2021-22	736

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
2021-22	1,136

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
2021-22	5,242

Total # of schools that offered the NYSSB:

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
14	84	115	228	292	324	374

Total # of languages in which students earned the Seal:

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
9	33	39	47	58	54	68

In 2021-22, one student earned the Seal in four world languages in addition to English.

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
2021-22	184	11



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