



# The NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) 2022-2023



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 2022-23: **8,745**



**5,746**  
(65.7%)



**2,994**  
(34.2%)



**5**  
(0.06%)



**256** students earned the  
NYSSB in TWO world languages  
in addition to English!

**8** students earned the NYSSB  
in THREE world languages in  
addition to English!

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



**2,293** Current and  
Ever English Language  
Learners (ELLs) earned  
the Seal. (26%)

**5,179** Never ELLs whose  
home language is English  
earned the Seal (59%)

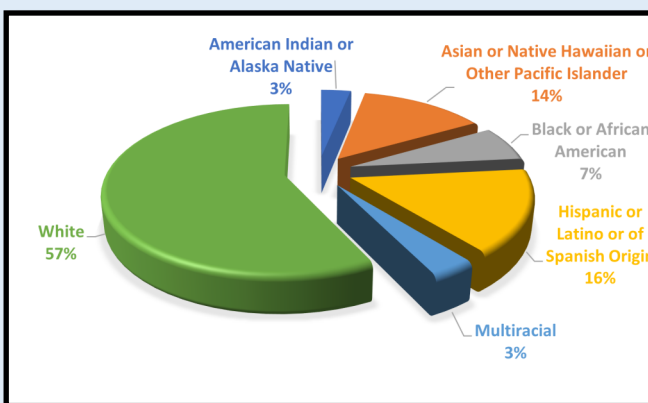
**1,273** Never ELLs whose  
home language is not English  
earned the Seal (15%)



**428** schools offered  
the NYSSB



**82** languages in which  
the NYSSB was earned



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

Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, ASL, Bengali, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cantonese, Cebuano, Chin, Croatian, Czech, Dari, Dutch, Dzongkha, Farsi, Filipino, Finnish, French, Fulani, Ga, Georgian, German, Greek, Guarani, Gujarati, Guyanese, Haitian Creole, Hausa, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Korean, Lao, Latin, Latvian, Lebanese, Lingala, Maay Maay, Macedonian, Malayalam, Mandarin, Mandinka, Mongolian, Nepali, Pashto, Patois, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Pulaar, Punjabi, Q'anjob'al/Kanjobal, Rohingya, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhalese, Somali, Soninke, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Tamil, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrinya, Turkish, Twi, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Yoruba, Wolof

# 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 through 2023: 33,684



2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
284	1,355	2,054	4,031	4,609	5,492	7,114	8,745

Year	# of Current & Ever ELLs	# of Never ELLs (HL = English)	# of Never ELLs (HL ≠ English)
2015-16	106	178	*
2016-17	359	995	*
2017-18	611	1,440	*
2018-19	1,091	2,940	*
2019-20	1,227	3,382	*
2020-21	1,283	3,493	716
2021-22	1,872	5,242	997
2022-23	2,293	5,179	1,273

Year	# Schools offering the NYSSB
2015-16	14
2016-17	84
2017-18	115
2018-19	228
2019-20	292
2020-21	324
2021-22	374
2022-23	428

\*Never ELLs whose Home Language (HL) is English was created as a separate category in 2020-21.

Year	# of students who earned the Seal in 2 languages + English	# of students who earned the Seal in 3 languages + English	# of students who earned the Seal in 4 languages + English
2015-16	0	0	0
2016-17	6	0	0
2017-18	12	0	0
2018-19	23	1	0
2019-20	80	3	0
2020-21	93	4	0
2021-22	184	11	1
2022-23	256	11	1

Year	# of Languages
2015-16	9
2016-17	33
2017-18	39
2018-19	47
2019-20	58
2020-21	54
2021-22	68
2022-23	82



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