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Schools in our region that already offer the New York State Seal of Biliteracy include:

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Capital-East Region Schools that Offered the Seal in 2019-20

Averill Park HS
Ballston Spa HS
Central Valley Academy
Crown Point CS
CSD of Albany (Albany HS)
Dolgeville CSD (James A. Green HS)
Granville HS
Greenwich HS
Hudson Falls HS
Lake George JSHS
Massena HS

Mt. Markham HS
Niskayuna HS
North Colonie CSD (Shaker HS)
Northville HS
Rotterdam-Mohonasen (Mohonasen HS)
Saratoga Springs HS
Shenendehowa HS
Troy HS
Wells Central HS
West Canada Valley HS

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Hudson Valley Region Schools that Offered the Seal in 2019-20

Bedford CSD (Fox Lane HS)	Hastings-on-Hudson CSD (Hastings HS)
Brewster HS	Haverstraw-Stonypoint CSD (North Rockland HS)
Bronxville HS	Hendrick Hudson HS
Carmel HS	Highland Falls - Fort Montgomery CSD (James O'Neill HS)
Clarkstown CSD (North HS)	Hyde Park CSD (Franklin D. Roosevelt SHS)
Cornwall Central HS	Marlboro HS
Croton Harmon HS	Minisink CSD (Minisink Valley HS)
Downsville HS	Monroe-Woodbury HS
East Ramapo CSD (Ramapo HS)	Monticello HS
East Ramapo CSD (Spring Valley HS)	Nanuet SHS
Enlarged CSD of Middletown (Middletown HS)	New Paltz HS
Fallsburg JSHS	Newburgh Enlarged CSD (Newburgh Free Academy - North Campus)
Greene HS	
Harrison HS	

North Salem JSHS
Nyack HS
Onteora HS
Ossining HS
Pawling HS
Pearl River HS
Peekskill HS
Pine Bush HS
Port Chester SHS
Putnam Valley HS
Roscoe HS
Saugerties HS
South Orangetown CSD (Tappan Zee HS)
Suffern HS
Tarrytown UFSD (Sleepy Hollow HS)

Valley Central HS
Wappingers CSD (John Jay HS)
Wappingers CSD (Roy C. Ketcham HS)
Warwick Valley HS
White Plains HS
Yonkers CSD (Charles E. Gorton HS)
Yonkers CSD (Lincoln HS)
Yonkers CSD (Palisade Preparatory HS)
Yonkers CSD (Riverside HS)
Yonkers CSD (Roosevelt HS - Early College Studies)
Yonkers CSD (Saunders Trades & Technical HS)
Yonkers CSD (Yonkers Middle HS)
Yonkers CSD (Yonkers Montessori Academy)
Yorktown HS

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Long Island Schools that Offered the Seal in 2019-20

Babylon HS	Diocese of Rockville Center (St. John the Baptist Diocesan HS)
Baldwin HS	East Meadow CSD (East Meadow HS)
Bay Shore HS	East Meadow CSD (W. Tresper Clarke HS)
Bayport-Blue Point HS	East Williston CSD (The Wheatley School)
Bellmore-Merrick CSD (John F. Kennedy HS)	Eastport-South Manor JSHS
Bellmore-Merrick CSD (Sanford H. Calhoun HS)	Elwood CSD (John Glenn HS)
Bellmore-Merrick CSD (Wellington C. Mepham HS)	Fishers Island School
Brentwood HS	Freeport HS
Carle Place HS	Hampton Bays HS
Commack HS	Harborfields HS
Connetquot HS	Hauppauge HS
Copiague CSD (Walter G. O'Connell HS)	Hempstead HS
Deer Park HS	Hewlett-Woodmere PS (George W. Hewlett HS)

Huntington HS
Island Trees HS
Islip HS
Lawrence HS
Levittown CSD (Division Ave HS)
Levittown CSD (MacArthur HS)
Lindenhurst HS
Locust Valley HS
Long Beach HS
Longwood HS
Malverne HS
Massapequa HS
Mineola HS
North Babylon HS
North Shore HS
Oceanside HS
Patchogue-Medford HS
Rockville Centre CSD (South Side HS)

Roslyn HS
Sayville HS
Sewanhaka CSD (Elmont Memorial HS)
Sewanhaka CSD (H. Frank Carey HS)
Sewanhaka CSD (New Hyde Park Memorial HS)
Sewanhaka CSD (Sewanhaka HS)
South Huntington CSD (Walt Whitman HS)
Southampton HS
Southold JSHS
Syosset HS
Uniondale HS
Valley Stream Central High SD (Central HS)
Valley Stream Central High SD (North HS)
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Wantagh HS
West Hempstead HS
West Islip HS

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Afton JSHS	Ithaca City SD (Ithaca HS)
Auburn Enlarged CSD (Auburn HS)	Ithaca City SD (Lehman Alternative Community School)
Baldwinsville CSD (C. W. Baker HS)	Jamesville DeWitt HS
Binghamton HS	Johnson City HS
Carthage Central HS	Jordan-Elbridge HS
Cato-Meridian HS	LaFargeville HS
Cazenovia HS	Lansing HS
Chenango Forks HS	Liverpool HS
Chenango Valley HS	Lowville Academy HS
Cortland HS	Maine-Endwell HS
Dryden HS	Marcellus HS
General Brown JSHS	North Syracuse CSD (Cicero-North Syracuse HS)
Hancock HS	Oneonta HS
Indian River HS	

Onondaga JSHS
Remsen HS
Rome Free Academy
Sackets Harbor HS
Sandy Creek HS
Sidney JSHS
Skaneateles HS
Solvay HS
South Jefferson HS
South Lewis HS
Susquehanna Valley HS

Syracuse CSD (Corcoran HS)
Syracuse CSD (Henninger HS)
Syracuse CSD (Institute of Technology at Syracuse
Central - ITC)
Syracuse CSD (Nottingham HS)
Tully JSHS
Union-Endicott HS
Utica HS
Vestal HS
Watertown HS
West Genesee HS

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Mid-West Region Schools that Offered the Seal in 2019-20

Batavia HS
Brockport HS
Caledonia-Mumford HS
CHARTER - Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School
Churchville-Chili SHS
East Bloomfield CSD (Bloomfield HS)
East Irondequoit CSD (Eastridge HS)
Gates Chili HS
Geneva HS
Greece CSD (Arcadia HS)
Greece CSD (Athena HS)
Greece CSD (Odyssey HS)
Greece CSD (Olympia HS)
Hilton HS

Honeoye Falls-Lima HS
LeRoy JSHS
Marion JSHS
Naples HS
Perry HS
Red Creek HS
Rochester CSD (East High/EPO)
Rochester CSD (Integrated Arts and Technology HS)
Rochester CSD (James Monroe HS)
Rochester CSD (Rochester Early College International HS)
Rochester CSD (School of the Arts)
Rush-Henrietta SHS
Sodus JSHS

Spencerport HS
Webster CS (Schroeder HS)

Webster CS (Thomas HS)
West Irondequoit CSD (Irondequoit HS)

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NYCDOE Schools that Offered the Seal in 2019-20

A. Philip Randolph Campus HS
Academy of American Studies
Baruch College Campus HS
Beacon HS
Brooklyn Technical HS
Claremont International HS
Columbia Secondary School
Curtis HS
Edward R. Murrow HS
Energy Tech HS
Esperanza Preparatory Academy
Eximius College Preparatory Academy: A College
Board School
Fordham Leadership Academy

Forest Hills HS
Francis Lewis HS
Franklin Delano Roosevelt HS
Gregorio Luperon HS for Science and Mathematics
Grover Cleveland HS
Health Opportunities HS
Herbert H. Lehman HS
HS for Arts and Business
HS for Health Careers and Sciences
HS of Language and Innovation
HS of World Cultures
International School for Liberal Arts
James Madison HS
John Adams HS

Long Island City HS
Manhattan Academy For Arts & Language
Manhattan Bridges HS
Manhattan Hunter Science HS
MESA Charter HS
Midwood HS
Multicultural HS
New Visions Charter (Advanced Math & Science II)
Newtown HS
Pan American International HS (Elmhurst)
Pan American International HS at Monroe
Richmond Hill HS
Robert F. Kennedy Community HS

South Bronx Preparatory: A College Board School
Staten Island Technical HS
Stuyvesant HS
Susan E. Wagner HS
The Boerum Hill School for International Studies
The Brooklyn School for Social Justice
The College Academy
The Laboratory School of Finance and Technology
The Scholars' Academy
Uncommon Charter HS
University Neighborhood HS
Validus Preparatory Academy
Westchester Square Academy

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Western Region Schools that Offered the Seal in 2019-20

Alden SHS
Amherst Central HS
Bemus Point CS (Maple Grove HS)
Buffalo PS (City Honors School)
Buffalo PS (Hutchinson Tech)
Buffalo PS (Lafayette International HS)
Buffalo PS (Lewis J. Bennett HS of Innovative Technology)
Buffalo PS (McKinley HS)
Buffalo PS (Newcomer Academy)
Buffalo PS (Research Laboratory for BioInformatics and Life Sciences)
Buffalo PS (The International Preparatory School at Grover)

Clarence Central SHS
Dunkirk HS
Gowanda HS
Iroquois HS
Kenmore-Tonawanda UFSD (Kenmore East HS)
Kenmore-Tonawanda UFSD (Kenmore West HS)
Lancaster HS
Medina HS
Niagara Falls HS
Niagara Wheatfield SHS
Orchard Park HS
Springville-Griffith Institute HS
Sweet Home HS
Westfield HS