

# NYS Seal of Biliteracy Capital Region 2022-23



The New York State 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.



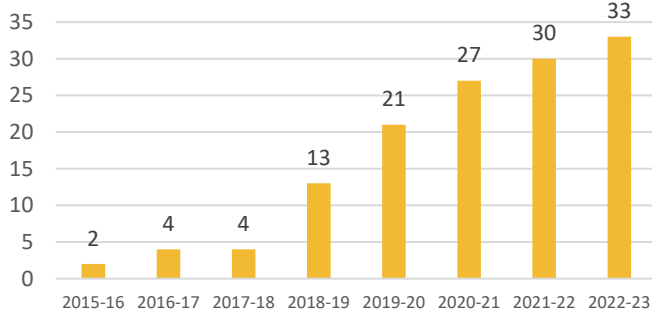
The intent of the NYSSB is to:

- 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.

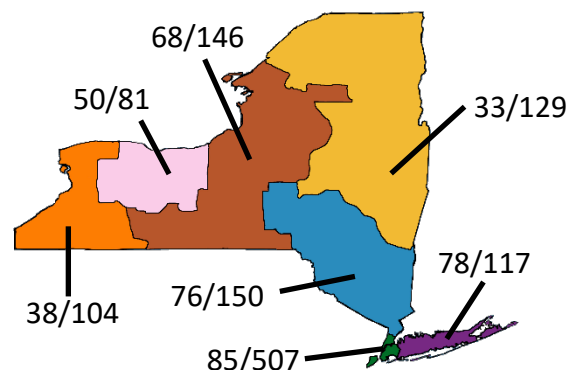
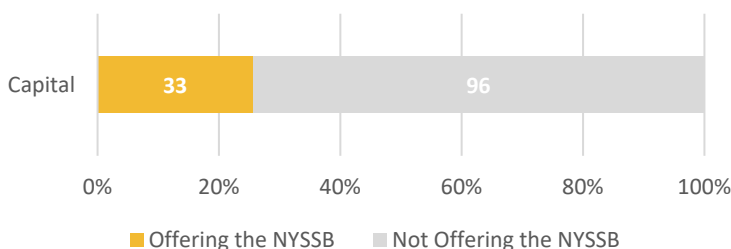
Number of Schools Offering the NYSSB in the Capital-East Region (2015-2023)



## 25.6%

of district schools in the Capital region offered the NYSSB in 2022-23.

Number of Schools Offering vs. Not Offering the NYSSB in the Capital-East Region (2022-23)



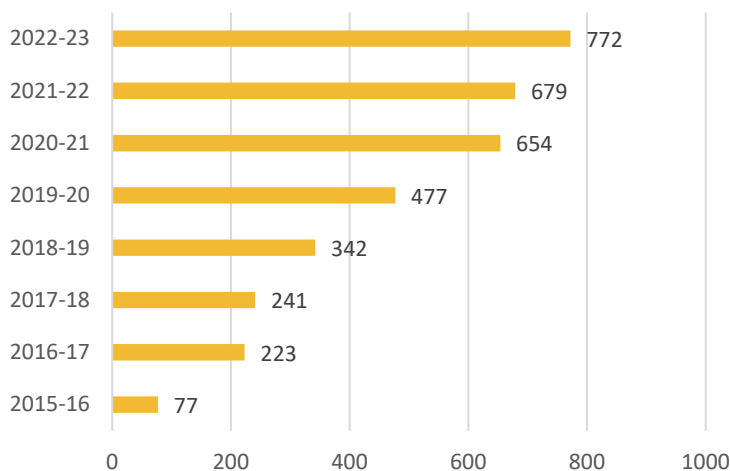
The ratios listed are the number of schools offering the NYSSB to the total number of district schools in the region.

In 2022-23, Capital region students earned the NYSSB in 26 different languages:

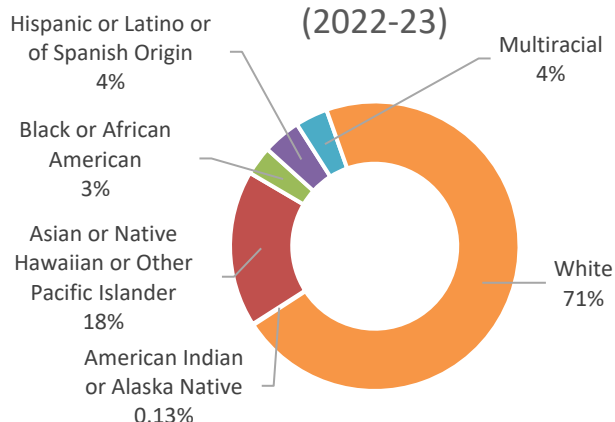
Arabic, Armenian, ASL, Bengali, Burmese, Cantonese, Czech, Farsi, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Tagalog, Turkish, Twi, Ukrainian

**772** students from the Capital region earned the NYSSB in 2022-23.

NYSSB Earners in the Capital Region  
(2016-2023)



Percentage of Students who Earned the  
NYSSB in the Capital Region by Race  
(2022-23)



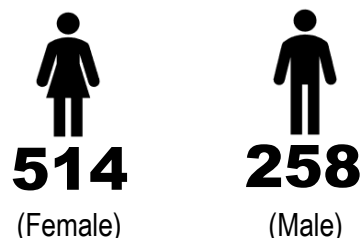
**24** Students from the Capital region earned the NYSSB in **two** world languages in addition to English in 2022-23.

**2** Students from this region earned the NYSSB in **three** world languages in addition to English in 2022-23.



**1** Student from this region earned the NYSSB in **four** world languages in addition to English in 2022-23.

Seal Earners by Gender

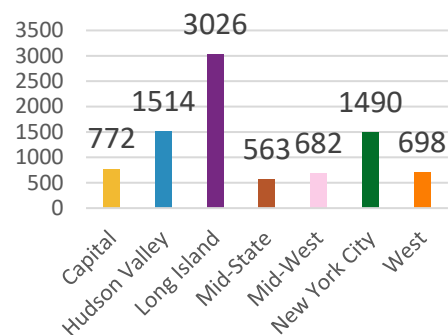


Seal Earners by ELL Status

Current and Former/Ever ELLs	35
Never ELLs - Home Language = English	668
Never ELLs - Home Language ≠ English	69

**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.

Total Number of Students who Earned the NYSSB by Region (2022-2023)



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