

NYS Seal of Biliteracy Mid-West 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.



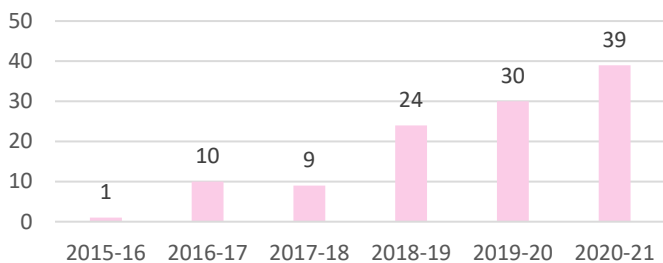
The intent of the NYSSB is to:

- 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.

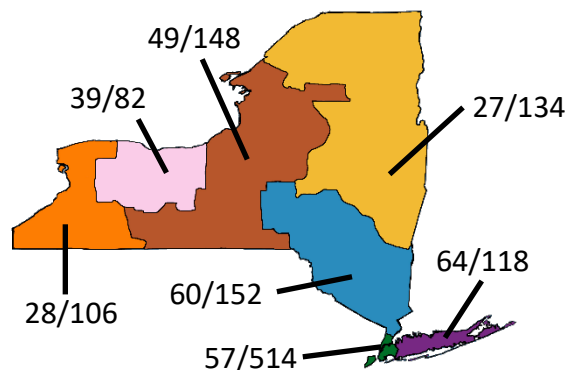
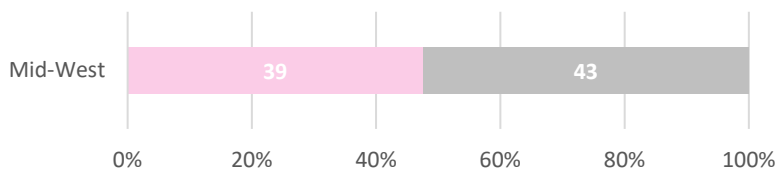
Number of Schools Offering the NYSSB in the Mid-West Region (2016-2021)



47.6%

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

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



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

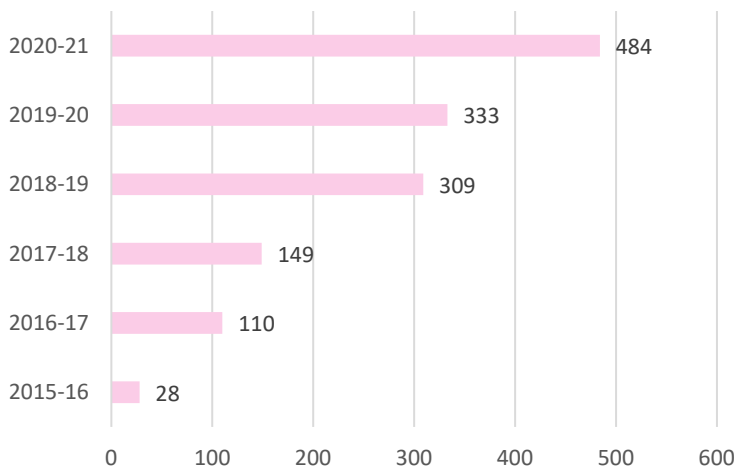
*There is one charter school offering the NYSSB that is included in the total (39) schools.

Languages in which Mid-West students earned the NYSSB in 2020-21

American Sign Language, Arabic, English, French, German, Gujarati, Hindi, Italian, Kirundi, Korean, Latin, Lingala, Mandarin, Nepali, Punjabi, Somali, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese

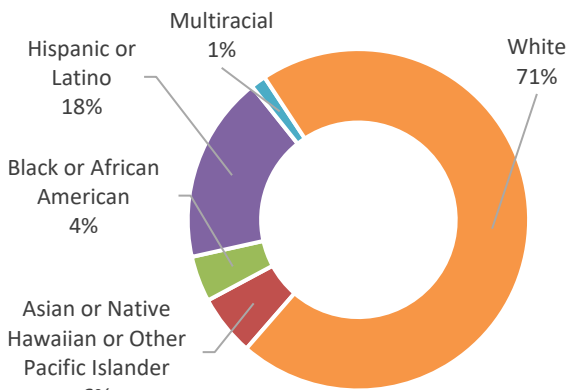
484 students from the Mid-West region earned the NYSSB in 2020-21.

NYSSB Earners in the Mid-West Region (2015-2021)



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

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



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



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

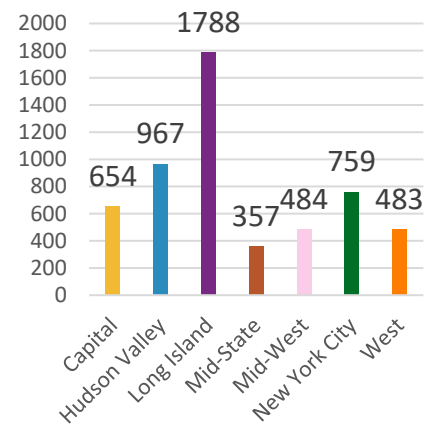
Seal Earners by Gender



Seal Earners by ELL Status

Current ELLs	39
Former/Ever ELLs	40
Never ELLs - Home Language = English	375
Never ELLs - Home Language ≠ English	30

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.



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