

# NYS Seal of Biliteracy New York City 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.



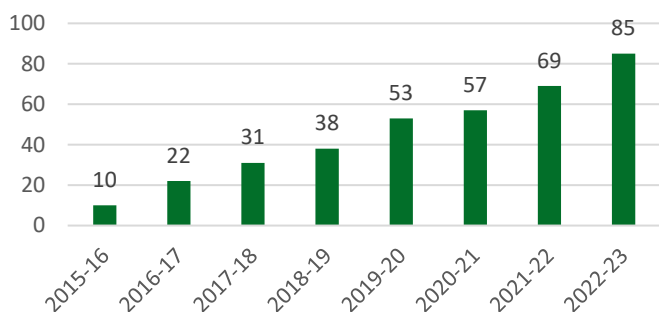
The intent of the NYSSB is to:

- 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.

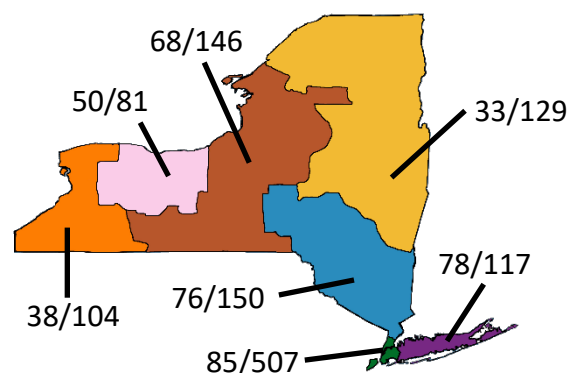
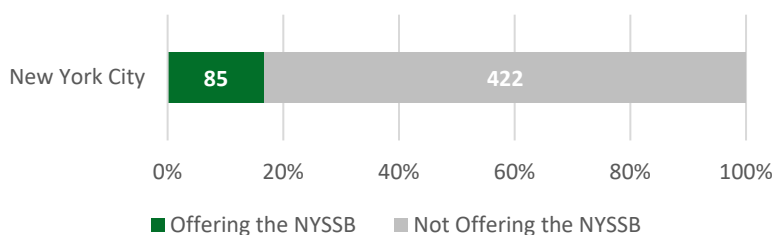
Number of Schools Offering the NYSSB in the New York City Region (2015-2023)



## 16.8%

of district schools in the New York City region offered the NYSSB in 2022-23.

Number of Schools Offering vs. Not Offering the NYSSB in the New York City Region (2022-23)



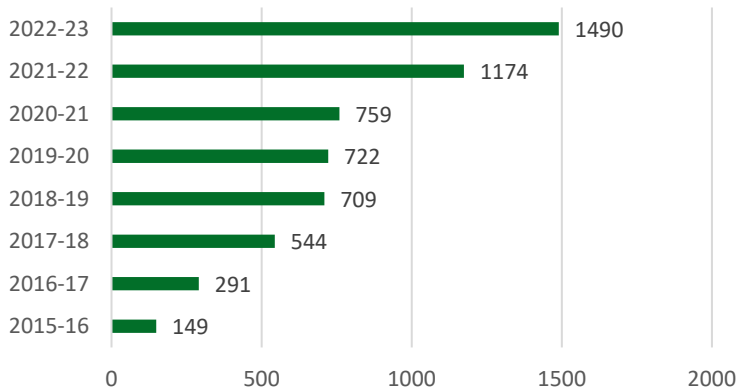
The ratios listed are the number of schools offering the NYSSB to the total number of district schools in the region.

In 2022-23, Capital region students earned the NYSSB in 36 different languages:

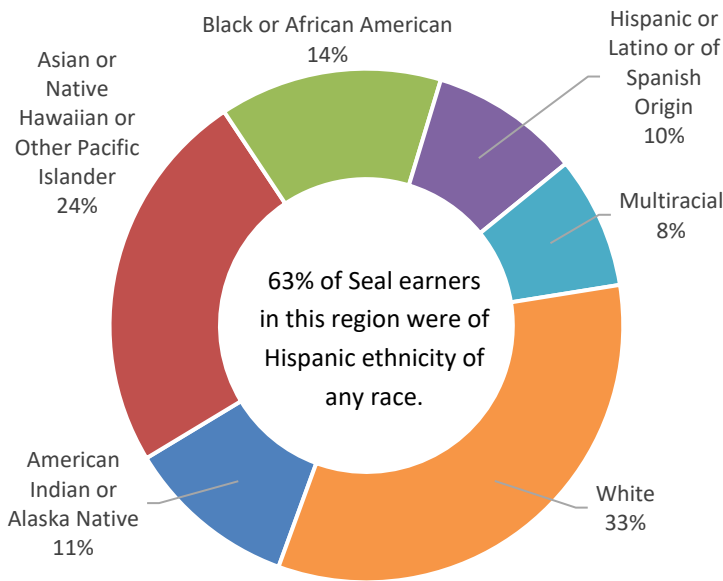
Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Bengali, Dutch, Dzongkha, Filipino, French, Fulani, German, Haitian Creole, Hausa, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Mandarin, Mandinka, Mongolian, Nepali, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Sinhalese, Soninke, Spanish, Tagalog, Tibetan, Twi, Urdu, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof

**1,490** students from the New York City region earned the NYSSB in 2022-23.

NYSSB Earners in the New York City Region  
(2015-2023)

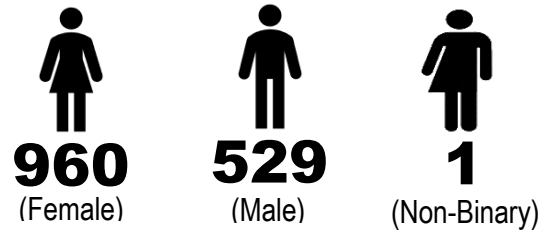


Percentage of Students who Earned  
the NYSSB in the New York City Region  
by Race (2022-23)



**10** Students from the New York City region earned the NYSSB in **two** world languages in addition to English in 2022-23.

### Seal Earners by Gender

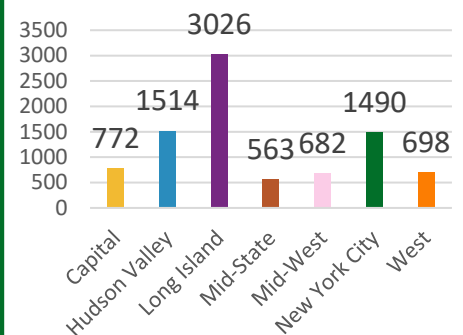


### Seal Earners by ELL Status

Current and Ever ELLs	1,012
Never ELLs - Home Language = English	216
Never ELLs - Home Language ≠ English	262

**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)



NYCDOE schools should contact [DML@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:DML@schools.nyc.gov) to get started with the NYSSB. Your local RBERN can also provide support for your Seal of Biliteracy Program.

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