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Faculty member from East Ramapo HS with a 2024 NYSSB graduate (left) (Photo courtesy of East Ramapo CSD)

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Executive Summary

New York State boasts a rich linguistic and cultural heritage, with students speaking over 200 languages. Understanding the importance of multilingualism and multiliteracy, the New York State Legislature established the New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) in 2012, with the first set of graduates earning the NYSSB in the 2015-2016 academic year. The NYSSB is an award that formally recognizes students 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 is awarded by the Commissioner to students who meet the criteria established by the NYS Board of Regents and who attend schools that voluntarily agree to participate in the program.

The intent of the NYSSB is to:

- affirm the value of diversity, equity, and inclusion in a multilingual society;
- encourage the study of languages;
- identify high school graduates with the skills of multilingualism and multiliteracy 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 acknowledges the importance of being biliterate in today's global society. It highlights the hard work and achievement of students, and encourages students to pursue language study while in school, including the continued development of one's home language. The recognition of attaining biliteracy is also a statement of accomplishment for future employers and for college admission.

Requirements to Earn the NYSSB

Since the New York State Board of Regents adopted the NYSSB in 2012, it has been awarded to over 44,000 students. This award is denoted by a seal affixed to the student's diploma, a notation on the student's high school transcript, and a medallion that students may wear at graduation. To be awarded the NYSSB, students must demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English and in one or more world languages as evidenced by some of the following criteria:

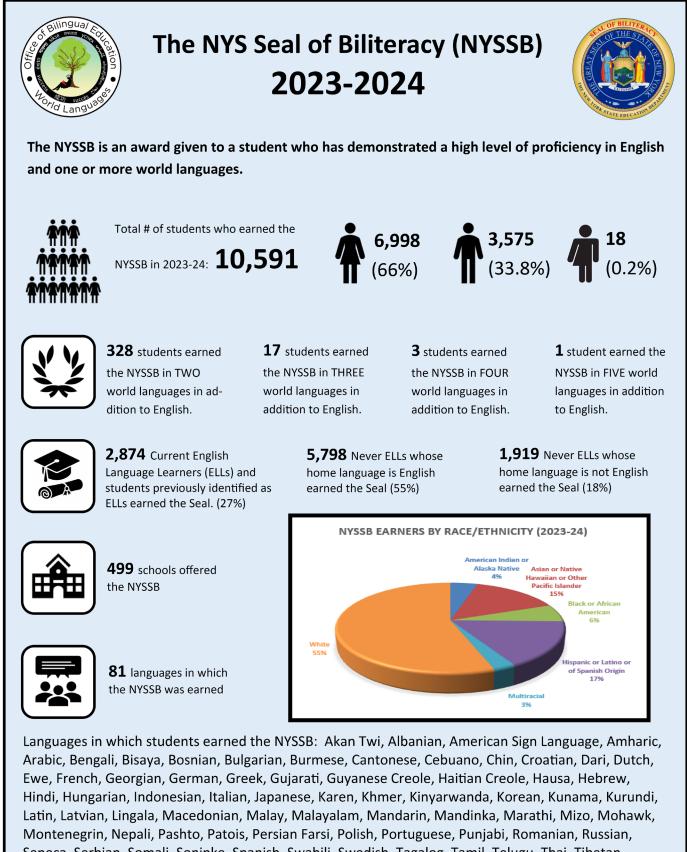
- Completing coursework in English and/or a world language with an average of 85% or better;
- Completing a Bilingual Education Program or a Home Language Arts Program with an average of 85% or better;
- Earning a set score on approved assessments in English and/or a world language;
- Demonstrating successful completion of coursework in a foreign nation; and
- Completing and presenting a Culminating Project in English and/or in one or more world languages that demonstrates the required level of proficiency in all three modes of communication (Interpretive, Interpersonal, and Presentational).

2023-24 Facts and Figures

- **Schools** 499 schools in New York State offered the NYSSB (a 17% increase from the prior year). At the time of this report, there were 1,230 district high schools offering 12th grade in New York State. Forty percent of all district high schools offered the NYSSB. The number of schools offering the NYSSB grew in six of the seven regions of the state. For a full list of schools that offered the NYSSB in 2023-24, see Appendix A: High Schools Awarding the NYSSB by Region.
- **Students** 10,591 students earned the NYSSB, representing 5.8% of seniors attending district high schools in New York State. This exceeds last year's level by more than 1,800 students.
- **Gender** 66.1% of all NYSSB earners were female; 33.8% were male, and less than 0.2% were of nonbinary gender.
- **Race and Ethnicity** The number of NYSSB earners increased in five of the six racial designations in 2023-24.
- English Language Learner (ELL) Status Of the students who earned the NYSSB in 2023-24, a total of 2,874 were Current ELLs or students previously identified as ELLs, 5,798 were Never ELLs whose home language is English, and 1,919 were Never ELLs whose home language is other than English. The percentage of Current ELLs and students previously identified as ELLs who earned the NYSSB increased by 35%. Current ELLs and students previously identified as ELLs continue to make up more than one in every four NYSSB earners. The percentage of Never ELLs whose home language is English that earned the NYSSB increased by 12%. The percentage of Never ELLs whose home language is other than English increased by more than 50%.
- Languages Students earned the NYSSB in 81 languages in addition to English in 2023-24. The most frequent languages in which students earned the NYSSB were Spanish, French, Italian, Mandarin, American Sign Language, German, Latin, Arabic, Bengali, and Russian.
- Seals of Biliteracy in Multiple Languages Three hundred twenty eight students earned the NYSSB in two world languages in addition to English (a 28% increase from last year); 17 students earned the NYSSB in three world languages in addition to English (a 55% increase from last year); and three students earned the NYSSB in four languages in addition to English. For the first time in New York history, a student earned the NYSSB in five world languages in addition to English.



2024 NYSSB graduates from Al-Noor School flanked by administrators (right) (Photo courtesy of Al-Noor School)



Seneca, Serbian, Somali, Soninke, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrinya, Turkish, Turkmen, Tuscarora, Twi, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof, Yemeni



The NYSSB was offered for the first time as a pilot program in 2015-16.

Total # of students who have earned the NYSSB through 2024: 44,280

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Year	# of Current & Ever ELLs	# of Never ELLs (HL = English)	# of Never ELLs (HL ≠ English)	Year	# Schools offering the NYSSB
2015-16	106	178	*	2015-16	14
2016-17	359	996	*	2016-17	84
2017-18	611	1,443	*	2017-18	115
2018-19	1,091	2,940	*	2018-19	228
2019-20	1,227	3,382	*	2019-20	292
2020-21	1,283	3,493	716	2020-21	324
2021-22	1,872	4,245	997	2021-22	374
2022-23	2,293	5,179	1,273	2022-23	428
2023-24	2,874	5,798	1,919	2023-24	499

*The category of Never ELLS whose Home Language (HL) is English was created in 2020-21.

Year	# of NYSSB earners in 2	# of NYSSB earners in 3	# of NYSSB earners in 4	# of NYSSB earn- ers in 5	Year	# of Languages
Tear	languages + English	languages + English	languages + English	languages + English	2015-16	9
		8		8	2016-17	33
2015-16	0	0	0	0		
2016-17	6	0	0	0	2017-18	39
2017-18	12	0	0	0	2018-19	47
2018-19	23	1	0	0	2019-20	58
2019-20	80	3	0	0	2020-21	54
2020-21	93	4	0	0		
2021-22	184	11	1	0	2021-22	68
2022-23	256	11	1	0	2022-23	82
2023-24	328	17	3	1	2023-24	81



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2023-24 Statistics and Analysis

High Schools

Number of High Schools Offering the NYSSB

In 2023-24, 499 NYS high schools offered a NYSSB program. After an initial pilot program in 2015-16 with a handful of schools, the number of schools offering the NYSSB has grown significantly each year, as demonstrated in Figure 2 below. In 2023-24, the total number of schools offering the NYSSB grew by 17% overall.

600 499 500 428 374 400 324 292 300 229 200 118 84 100 14 0 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24

Figure 2. Growth in the Number of Total High Schools Offering the NYSSB (2016-2024)

Schools that would like to start a NYS Seal of Biliteracy program for their students should consult the <u>NYSSB Handbook</u> on the <u>NYSSB website</u> or email <u>nyssb@nysed.gov</u> with any questions. This includes all district, charter, and non-public (religious and independent) schools within the state. New York City public high schools (not including NYC charter schools) wishing to offer the NYSSB should contact the NYCPS Office of Multilingual Learners.

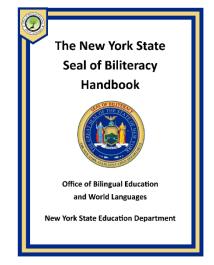
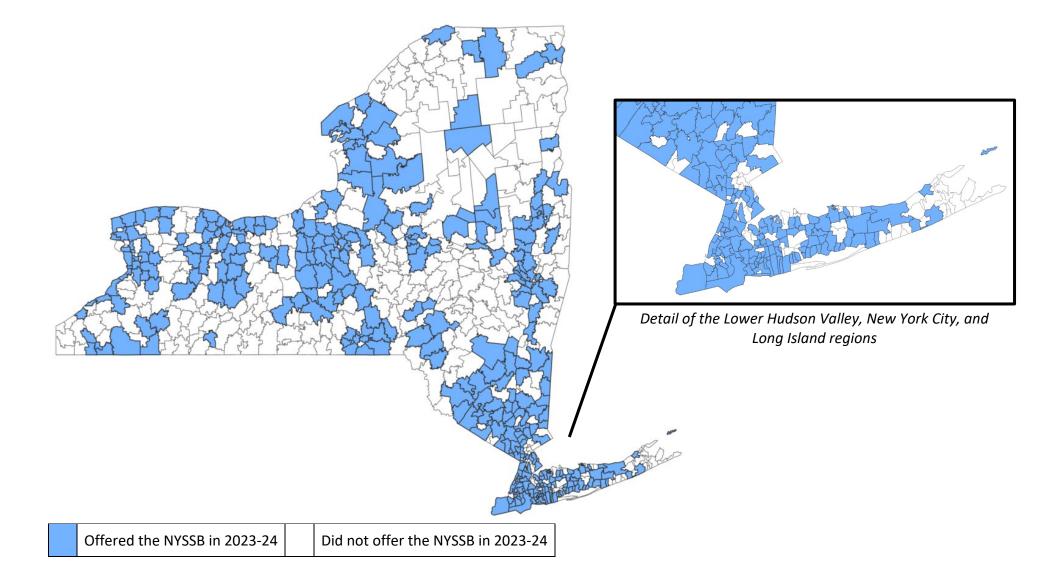


Figure 3 below is a heat map of New York State showing the geographic distribution of districts that offered the NYSSB in 2023-24. Those that offered the NYSSB in 2023-24 are shaded in blue on the heat map.

Figure 3. Heat Map of Districts Offering the NYSSB (2023-24)



Number of High Schools Offering the NYSSB by Region

The largest number of high schools offering the NYSSB can be found in New York City (23.8%), on Long Island (17.6%) and in the Hudson Valley region (16.8%). Figure 4 below shows the percentage of NYSSB schools by region. Table 1 lists both the number of NYSSB schools in each region and the percentage of all NYSSB schools they represent.

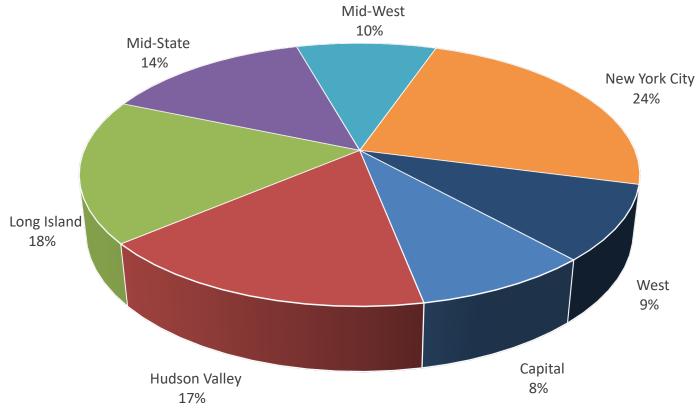


Figure 4. Percentage of High Schools Offering the NYSSB by Region (2023-24)

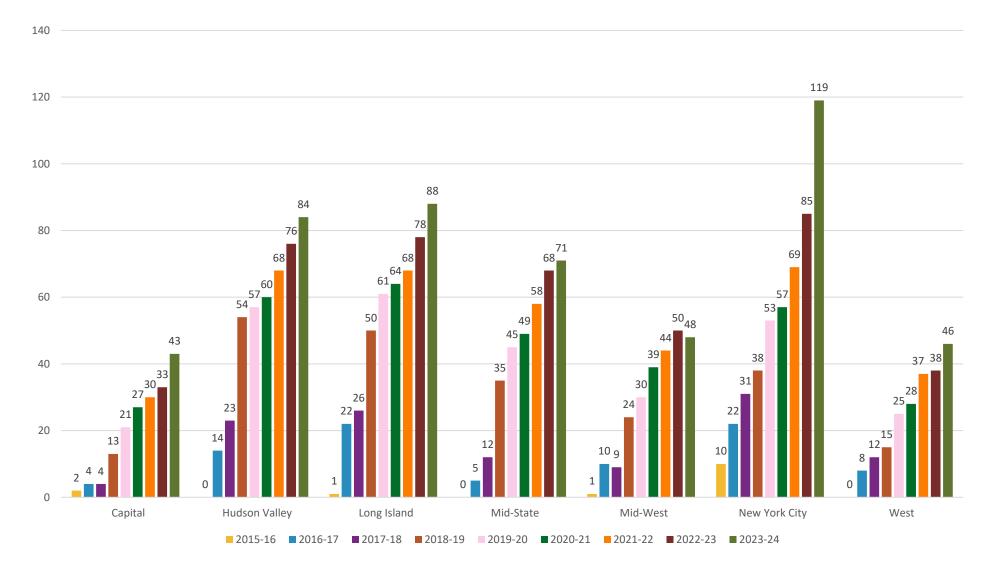
Table 1. Number of High Schools Offering the NYSSB by Region and Percentage of Total NYSSB Schools Represented (2023-24)

Region	Number of High Schools Offering the NYSSB	% of Total NYSSB High Schools Represented
Capital	43	8.6%
Hudson Valley	84	16.8%
Long Island	88	17.6%
Mid-State	71	14.2%
Mid-West	48	9.6%
New York City	119	23.8%
West	46	9.2%
TOTAL	499	100%

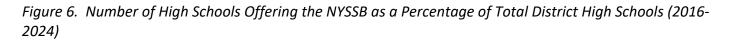
Growth in the Number of High Schools Offering the NYSSB by Region

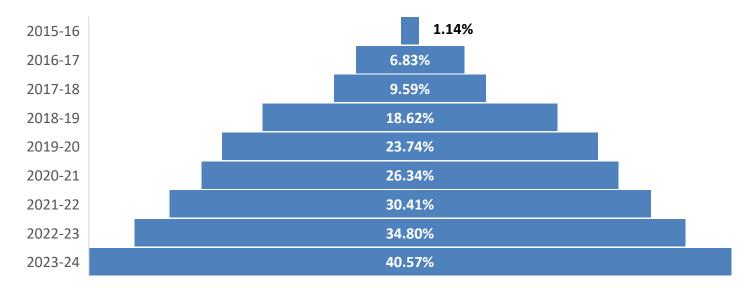
All regions have shown significant growth in the number of high schools offering the NYSSB since the NYSSB was first offered. The 2023-24 academic year continued to see gains from the prior year in six of seven regions. Figure 5 shows the number of high schools offering the NYSSB in each region from 2016 to 2024.





The number of schools offering the NYSSB as a percentage of total district high schools also continues to show regular growth, reaching 40% of all district high schools in 2024. Figure 6 shows the number of NYSSB schools as a percentage of total district high schools from 2016 to 2024.





High Schools Offering the NYSSB as a Percentage of Total District Schools in Region

Any NYS high school at which students can earn a Regents Diploma may offer the NYSSB. This includes district schools, charter schools, and non-public schools that are registered with the Office of Religious and Independent School Support (ORISS). Of the 1,230 district high schools in our state, 499 (40.6%) offered the NYSSB, which represents more than 1 in every 2.5 district high schools statewide. Table 2 lists the number of district high schools in each region that offered the NYSSB in 2023-24, the total number of district high schools in the region, and the number of high schools offering the NYSSB as a percentage of the total number of district high schools in the region.

Table 2. Number of High Schools Offering the NYSSB as a Percentage of Total District High Schools in the Region (2023-24)

Region	Number of High Schools Offering the NYSSB	Total Number of District High Schools	Schools Offering the NYSSB as a % of the Total Number of District High Schools in Region
Capital	43	136	31.6%
Hudson Valley	84	150	56.0%
Long Island	88	118	74.6%
Mid-State	71	136	52.2%
Mid-West	48	80	60.0%
New York City	119	502	23.7%
West	46	108	42.6%
TOTAL	499	1,230	40.6%

Potential for Regional Growth in High Schools Offering the NYSSB

Even given the increased number of high schools offering the NYSSB across our state, there is ample room for growth in each region. Figure 7 below shows the number of high schools offering the NYSSB in each region (blue) as compared to the number of district high schools not currently offering the NYSSB in each region (red).

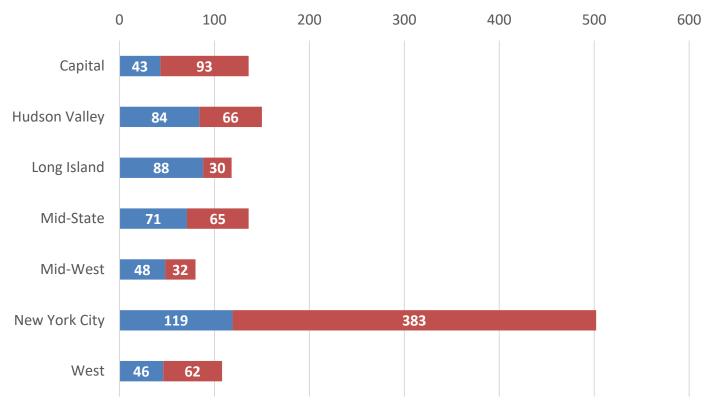


Figure 7. Number of High Schools Offering the NYSSB vs. Not Offering the NYSSB by Region (2023-24)

Offering the NYSSB
Not Offering the NYSSB



2024 NYSSB graduates from Brewster HS flanked by faculty (Photo courtesy of Brewster CSD)

Students

Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB

In 2023-24, 10,591 students were awarded the NYSSB, up from 8,745 in the prior year.

Growth in the Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB

The number of students awarded the NYSSB grows each year. Figure 10 shows the number of students who 8were awarded the NYSSB by year from 2016 through 2024.

Figure 8. Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB (2016-2024)

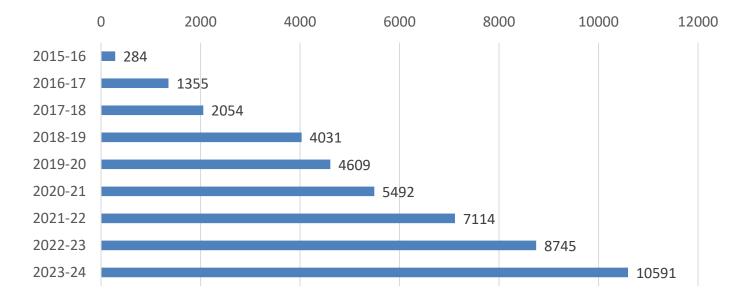
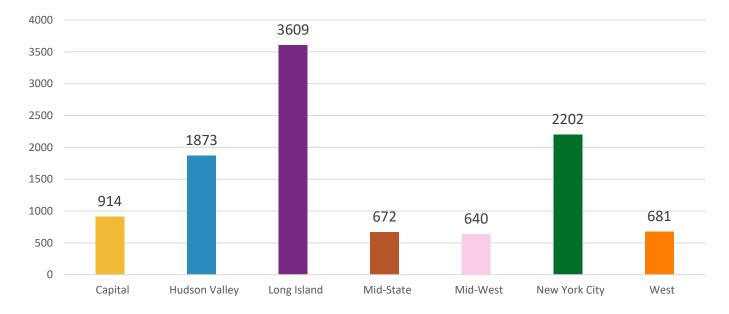


Figure 9 shows the number of students who were awarded the NYSSB in 2023-24 by region.

Figure 9. Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB by Region (2023-24)



Gender Make-up of Students Awarded the NYSSB

Females continued to make up the majority (66%) of NYSSB earners in 2023-24. While OBEWL began collecting gender information on NYSSB candidates in 2019-20, anecdotal data from past years indicates that this trend has been true since the beginning of the NYSSB program. One explanation for this is that the majority of students earning the NYSSB are students who take a course sequence in a world language while in high school. Data from district high schools in our state demonstrates that females have historically made up a large majority of the enrollment in these courses. In 2020-21, NYSED added the "Non-Binary" category to its data collection process. Figure 10 shows the percentage of students who were awarded the NYSSB in 2023-24 by gender.

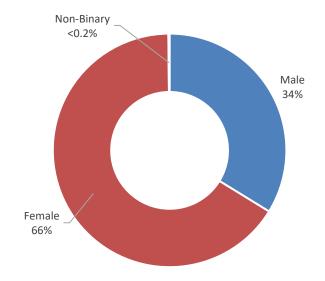


Figure 10. Percentage of Students Awarded the NYSSB by Gender (2023-24)

The 2023-24 school year saw a 20% increase in the number of males awarded the NYSSB, a 22% increase in the number of females awarded the NYSSB, and tripling of the number of non-binary students awarded the NYSSB since the prior year. Figure 11 shows the comparative data among genders over the last four years.

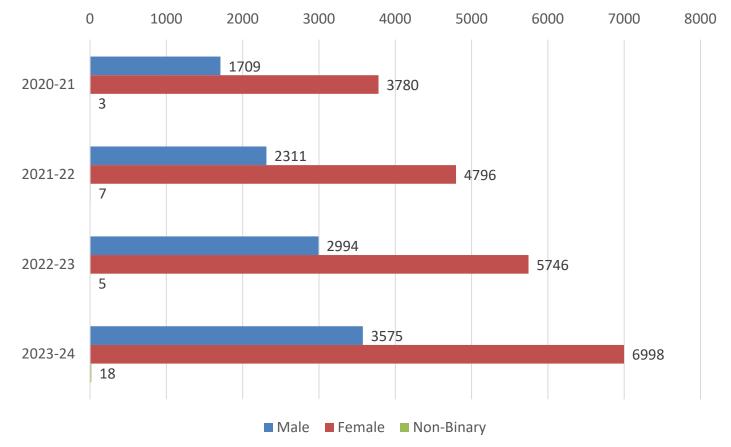


Figure 11. Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB by Gender (2021-2024)

Racial Make-up of Students Awarded the NYSSB

OBEWL also began collecting data on the races of NYSSB earners in 2019-20. Figure 12 shows the percentage of NYSSB earners from each of the six race designations in 2023-24.

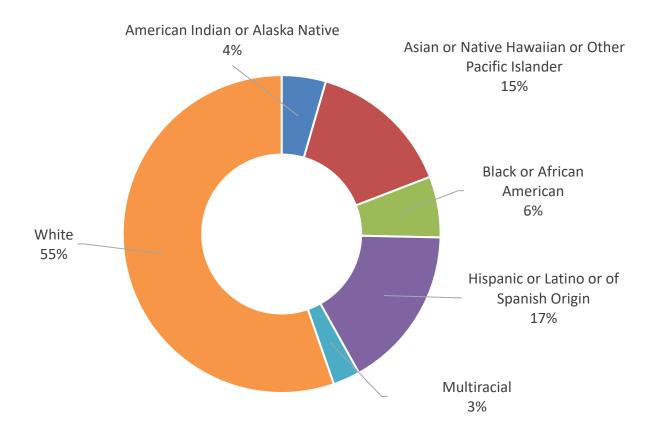


Figure 12. Percentages of Students Awarded the NYSSB by Race (2023-24)

The number of NYSSB earners from five of six racial designations grew in 2023-24. When the overall number of NYSSB earners is disaggregated by race, the following changes are observed, as compared to the prior year:

- American Indian or Alaska Native NYSSB earners increased by 67%. The group historically represents about 0.6% of the 12th grade population, but makes up 4.5% of NYSSB earners. In particular this year, the first two students earned the NYSSB in the Seneca Language.
- Asian, Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander NYSSB earners increased by 31%. The group historically represents about 10% of the 12th grade population, but makes up almost 15% of NYSSB earners.
- Black or African American NYSSB earners increased by 12%. The group historically represents about 17% of the 12th grade population, but makes up 6% of NYSSB earners.
- **Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin** NYSSB earners increased by 28%. The group historically represents about 24% of the 12th grade population, but makes up 17% of NYSSB earners.
- **Multiracial** NYSSB earners decreased by 4%. The group historically represents about 1.5% of the 12th grade population, but makes up almost 3% of NYSSB earners.
- White NYSSB earners increased by 17%. The group historically represents about 44% of the 12th grade population, but makes up 55% of NYSSB earners.

Another means of analyzing the success of the NYSSB program is to determine how well each racial designation is represented in NYSSB earners as compared to the overall racial breakdown of the senior cohort in NYS high schools. In four of the six racial categories, the percentage of 2023-24 NYSSB earners is greater (by three to seven percentage points) than the 14-year statewide average of students enrolled in 12th grade in each racial category. That is, students of these races are very well represented in the NYS Seal of Biliteracy. For instance, American Indian or Alaska Native students make up only 0.6% of the average 12th grade enrollment, but they represented 4% of NYSSB earners in 2023-24. Similar over-representation in the NYSSB is seen with Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Other Pacific Islander students, Multiracial students, and White students. Significant disparities in representation in the NYSSB relative to 12th grade enrollment is seen with Black or African American students, who make up about 17% of the average 12th grade cohort, but represented 6% of NYSSB earners in 2023-24, and Hispanic students, who make up 24% of the average 12th grade cohort, but accounted for 17% of NYSSB earners in 2023-24. Figure 13 shows the racial make-up of NYSSB earners in 2023-24 as compared to the statewide 14-year average racial make-up of 12th grade students in New York State. This data indicates that OBEWL and schools must strengthen their efforts to recruit and support Black or African American and Hispanic students to pursue the NYSSB, as well as to pursue courses of study in world languages through high school.

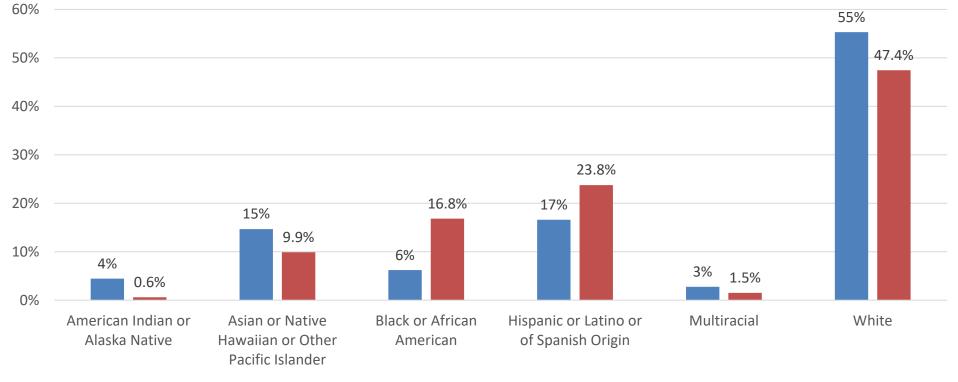


Figure 13. Percentage of NYSSB Earners vs. Average Statewide Enrollment in 12th Grade by Race (2023-24)

% of Seal Earners (2023-24)

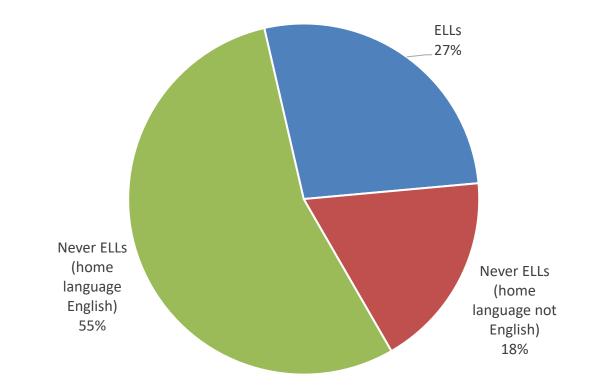
■ Multi-year statewide average of 12th grade enrollment by race/ethnicity

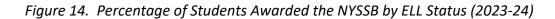
ELL Status of Students Awarded the NYSSB

NYSED has identified the following three language diversity categories for our students:

- Current English Language Learners (ELLs) and students previously identified as ELLs Current ELLs are students who, by birth or ancestry, speak or understand a language other than English and who scored below a NYS designated level of proficiency on the NYSITELL or the NYSESLAT. Students previously identified as ELLs are students who were once ELLs, but who have since demonstrated the NYS designated level of proficiency necessary to exit ELL status. For the remainder of this report, Current ELLs and students previously identified as ELLs will be referred to as "ELLs".
- 2. Never ELLs whose home language is English Students who have never been identified as ELLs and whose home language is English.
- 3. Never ELLs whose home language is other than English Students who have never been identified as ELLs and whose home language is other than English; sometimes referred to as Heritage Language Speakers.

Figure 14 shows the breakdown of students by ELL status who were awarded the NYSSB in 2023-24. More than one in every four NYSSB earners in 2023-24 was an ELL (27%). Consistent with national trends, the majority of students who were awarded the NYSSB in 2023-24 (73%) are Never ELLs, of which 55% were students whose home language is English and of which 18% were students whose home language is other than English.





Growth in the Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB by ELL Status

As shown in Figure 15 below, all three student groups have shown an upward trend in participation in the NYSSB from 2016 to 2024. ELLs who earned the NYSSB have shown a steady increase over the last nine years, growing by 25% to 2,874 in 2023-24. The number of Never ELLs whose home language is English rose considerably (from 5,179 in 2022-23 to 5,798 in 2023-24 – a 12% increase), as did the number of Never ELLs whose home language is other than English*, which rose from 1,273 in 2022-23 to 1,919 in 2023-24, a 51% increase.

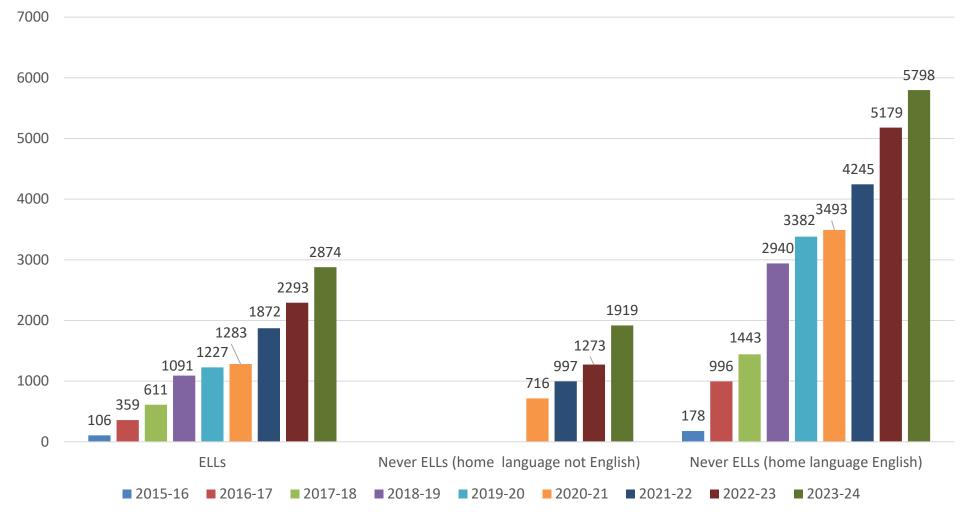


Figure 15. Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB by ELL Status (2016-2024)

*NYSED began collecting information on NYSSB earners who were Never ELLs whose home language is other than English in 2020-21.

Growth Potential Within Student Populations

Schools who wish to offer the NYSSB must submit a School Notification Form to NYSED by December 1st of each year. Based on this information, combined with the data provided on the End of Year Data form, which reports students who met all of the requirements to earn the NYSSB, the potential for growth within each region and within each school can be determined. Figure 16 below shows the total students in each region who earned the NYSSB at participating schools in 2023-24, as compared to those who were eligible, but did not pursue the NYSSB.

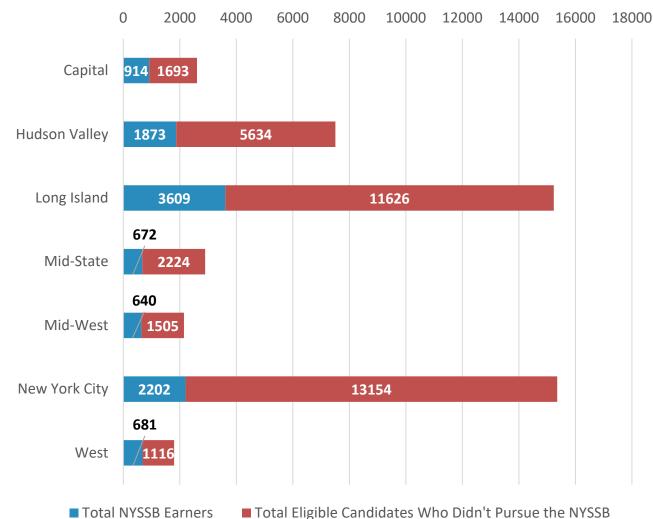


Figure 16. Total Eligible Students who Earned the NYSSB vs. Eligible Students Who Did Not Pursue the NYSSB from Participating Schools by Region (2023-24)

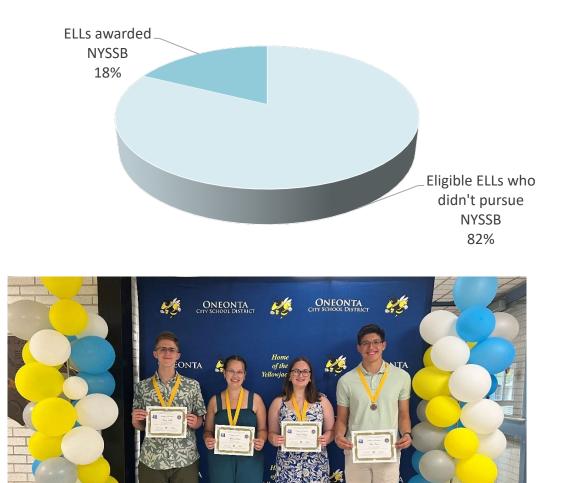
This potential for growth in the NYSSB can be disaggregated by ELL status to identify eligible students who did not pursue the NYSSB, providing additional information to schools to reinforce their recruitment efforts catered to individual student populations. Figures 29A through 29C on the following pages show the percentage of students by ELL status who earned the NYSSB in 2023-24, as compared to the percentage of eligible ELLs who did not pursue the NYSSB.

In 2024, 2,874 senior ELLs earned the NYSSB, up from 2,293 from the prior year (a 26% increase). The percentage of NYSSB Earners in 2023-24 who were ELLs (5.77%) is very close to the percentage of Current ELLs in the senior cohort statewide (5.76%). Despite the history of substantial years of gains in ELLs earning the NYSSB, there is still much work to be done. In schools offering the NYSSB in 2023-24, there were over 16,000

eligible ELLs in the senior cohort, 82% of which didn't pursue the NYSSB. Barriers for ELLs to earn the NYSSB include a lack of identification of eligible students, passive instead of active recruitment of eligible students, and a lack of home language support to ensure ELLs continue to develop literacy and oracy skills in their home language. It is also important to note that students who attend schools that don't offer the NYSSB may not earn the NYSSB, regardless of their proficiency in English and one or more languages. For this reason, NYSED will continue its efforts to raise awareness about the NYSSB, to recruit more schools to offer this program, and to build the capacity of schools that offer the NYSSB to ensure as many students as possible have a pathway to the NYS Seal of Biliteracy.

Figure 17A shows that 18% of the statewide eligible population of ELLs from participating schools were awarded the NYSSB. This figure demonstrates that a much larger percentage of ELLs could be recruited and supported to earn the NYSSB.

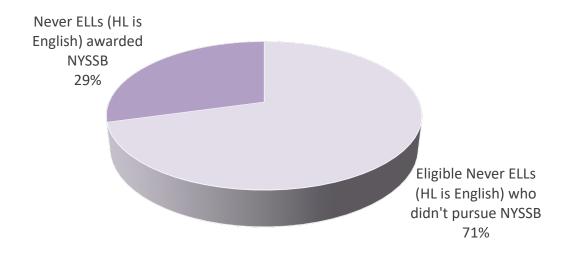
Figure 17A. Percentage of ELLs who Earned the NYSSB vs. Eligible ELLs Not Pursuing the NYSSB from Participating Schools (2023-24)



2024 NYSSB graduates from Oneonta HS (Photo courtesy of Oneonta CSD)

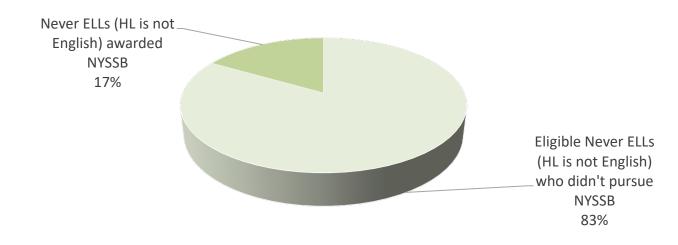
Historically, the highest rate of participation in the NYSSB among students is found with Never ELLs whose home language is English. In 2023-24, 5,798 Never ELLs whose home language is English earned the NYSSB, up from 5,179 in the prior year (a 12% increase). In schools offering the NYSSB in 2023-24, there were almost 20,000 eligible Never ELLs whose home language is English in the senior cohort, 71% of which didn't pursue the NYSSB. Figure 19B shows the large pool of untapped potential NYSSB earners among Never ELLs whose home language is English from schools participating in the NYSSB.

Figure 17B. Percentage of Never ELLs whose Home Language is English who Earned the NYSSB vs. Eligible Never ELLs whose Home Language is English Not Pursuing the NYSSB from Participating Schools (2023-24)



In the 2023-24 school year, 1,919 Never ELLs whose home language is other than English, sometimes called Heritage Language students, earned the NYSSB, up from 1,273 in the prior year (a 51% increase). This significant increase may be the result of an increased number of schools offering the NYSSB, as well as an increased capacity on their part to recruit and support students who speak a heritage language. Despite this very encouraging gain, there remains great potential for growth. In schools offering the NYSSB in 2023-24, there were almost 11,500 eligible Never ELLs whose home language is other than English in the senior cohort, 83% of which didn't pursue the NYSSB. Figure 19C shows that only about 17% of the eligible Never ELLs whose home language is other than English from participating schools were awarded the NYSSB.

Figure 17C. Percentage of Never ELLs whose Home Language is Other Than English who Earned the NYSSB vs. Eligible Never ELLs whose Home Language is Other Than English Not Pursuing the NYSSB from Participating Schools (2023-24)



Students earned the NYSSB in English and 81 different world languages in 2023-24. Table 3 lists these world languages, as well as the number of separate seals earned in those languages.

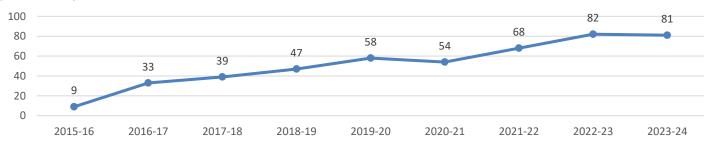
Language	Total Seals	% of All Seals
	Earned	Earned
Akan Twi	4	0.04%
Albanian	16	0.15%
American Sign Language	170	1.55%
Amharic	1	0.01%
Arabic	108	0.99%
Bengali	77	0.70%
Bisaya	1	0.01%
Bosnian	10	0.09%
Bulgarian	2	0.02%
Burmese	8	0.07%
Cantonese	1	0.01%
Cebuano	2	0.02%
Chin	2	0.02%
Croatian	5	0.05%
Dari	2	0.02%
Dutch	6	0.05%
Ewe	1	0.01%
French	1,265	11.56%
Georgian	2	0.02%
German	154	1.41%
Greek	11	0.10%
Gujarati	5	0.05%
Guyanese Creole	1	0.01%
Haitian Creole	29	0.26%
Hausa	1	0.01%
Hebrew	6	0.05%
Hindi	14	0.13%
Hungarian	3	0.03%
Indonesian	2	0.02%
Italian	684	6.25%
Japanese	34	0.31%
Karen	6	0.05%
Khmer	1	0.01%
Kinyarwanda	6	0.05%
Korean	28	0.26%
Kunama	1	0.01%
Kurundi	1	0.01%
Latin	126	1.15%
Latvian	1	0.01%
Lingala	1	0.01%
Macedonian	1	0.01%

Total	10,940	100.00%
Yemeni	1	0.01%
Wolof	2	0.02%
Vietnamese	11	0.10%
Uzbek	1	0.01%
Urdu	29	0.26%
Ukrainian	32	0.29%
Twi	1	0.01%
Tuscarora	2	0.02%
Turkmen	1	0.01%
Turkish	21	0.19%
Tigrinya	1	0.03%
Tibetan	3	0.02%
Thai	2	0.03%
Telugu	3	0.02%
Tamil	2	0.07%
Tagalog	8	0.03%
Swedish	3	0.04%
Swahili	7,598	0.04%
Spanish	7,398	67.62%
Soninke	1	0.10%
Somali	11	0.01%
Serbian	1	0.02%
Seneca	92	0.84%
Romanian Russian	3	0.03%
Punjabi		0.10%
Portuguese	29 11	0.26%
Polish	20	0.18%
Persian Farsi	3	0.03%
Patois	1	0.01%
Pashto	3	0.03%
Nepali	12	0.11%
Montenegrin	1	0.01%
Mohawk	1	0.01%
Mizo	1	0.01%
Marathi	1	0.01%
Mandinka	1	0.01%
Mandarin	417	3.81%
Malayalam	4	0.04%
Malay	1	0.01%

Table 3. World Languages in which Students were Awarded the NYSSB (2023-24)

Since 2015-16, the number of world languages other than English in which students were awarded the NYSSB has increased steadily, as seen in Figure 18.

Figure 18. Number of World Languages Other Than English in which Students Were Awarded the NYSSB (2016-2024)



Earning the NYSSB in Two or More World Languages

There was a total of 10,591 individual students who earned the NYSSB in 2023-24. Three hundred twenty eight students earned the NYSSB in two world languages in addition to English, 17 students earned the NYSSB in three world languages in addition to English, and three students earned the NYSSB in four world languages in addition to English. For the first time in New York history, a student earned the NYSSB in five world languages in addition to English. Table 4 displays the historical numbers of students earning the NYSSB in one, two, three, four, and five languages in addition to English.

Table 4. Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB in One, Two, Three, Four, or Five* World Languages in Addition to English (2019-2024)						
	2019	2010	2020	2021	2022	2022
	2018-	2019-	2020-	2021-	2022-	2023-

	2018- 19	2019- 20	2020- 21	2021- 22	2022- 23	2023- 24
Number of Students awarded NYSSB in 1 world language + English	4,028	4,526	5,399	6,930	8,477	10,263
Number of Students awarded NYSSB in 2 world languages + English	2	80	89	173	256	311
Number of Students awarded NYSSB in 3 world languages + English	1	3	4	10	11	14
Number of Students awarded NYSSB in 4 world languages + English	0	0	0	1	1	2
Number of Students awarded NYSSB in 5 world languages + English	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	4,031	4,609	5,492	7,114	8,745	10,591

*Students are only reported in this table in the category that represents the total number of world languages in which they earned the NYSSB. Students are not double counted, that is, a student who earns the NYSSB in three world languages in only reported in that category and is not counted in the category for students who earned the NYSSB in a single world language or in two world languages.

Tables five through eight show the second, third, fourth, and fifth world languages in addition to English in which students were awarded the NYSSB in 2023-24. Determination of whether a language is first, second, etc. are made by the school NYSSB coordinator at the time of data submission.

Table 5. Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB in Two World Languages in Addition to English by the Second Language (2023-24)

Language	Number of Secondary Seals Earned by Language
Albanian	3
American Sign Language	8
Arabic	2
Bengali	1
Bosnian	1
Bulgarian	2
Cantonese	1
Croatian	5
French	39
German	10
Greek	2
Gujarati	2
Haitian Creole	12
Hebrew	2
Hindi	2
Hungarian	1
Italian	22
Japanese	6
Korean	5

Table 6. Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB in Three World Languages in Addition to English by the Third Language (2023-24)

Language	Number of Tertiary Seals Earned by Language	
Dutch	1	
French	3	
Haitian Creole	2	
Italian	3	
Mandarin	1	
Polish	1	
Portuguese	1	
Russian	2	
Serbian	1	
Ukrainian	2	
Total	17	

Latin	14
Latvian	1
Lingala	1
Mandarin	18
Mizo	1
Mohawk	1
Montenegrin	1
Nepali	1
Persian Farsi	1
Polish	9
Portuguese	9
Romanian	3
Russian	17
Spanish	99
Swedish	1
Tamil	1
Telugu	1
Turkish	4
Turkmen	1
Ukrainian	12
Urdu	2
Vietnamese	2
Total	326

Table 7. Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB in Four World Languages in Addition to English by the Fourth Language (2023-24)

Language	Number of Quaternary Seals Earned by Language	
Japanese	1	
Portuguese	1	
Spanish	1	
Total	3	

Table 8. Number of Students Awarded the NYSSB in Five World Languages in Addition to English by the Fourth Language (2023-24)

Language	Language	
Spanish		1
	Total	1

In 2023-24, Haldane High School senior, Helena Kottman, made history as the first New York State student to earn the Seal of Biliteracy in five world languages in addition to English: Japanese, Italian, German, Spanish, and French. Helena's mother is Japanese, and her father is American. She grew up in a small village in the Hudson Valley speaking two languages at home. Both of her parents had already learned several languages by the time Helena was born, and they made sure to expose her and her older sister to as many foreign languages and cultures as possible. Helena attended a Japanese school every Saturday from Kindergarten through 9th grade to learn to read and write in Japanese. Helena's father took a sabbatical in Cologne, Germany, where the family lived for a year and where



New York State's first NYS Seal of Biliteracy graduate in English and five world languages (2024) from Haldane HS (Photo courtesy of Haldane CSD)

Helena attended third grade. In Cologne, she learned German, as well as some of the local "Kölsch" dialect. Later, Helena's father took up a summer job teaching in Verona, Italy, allowing their family to spend most summers in Italy.

Helena's mother, who homeschooled Helena and her sister, taught Math at the Manitou School, a Spanish-English bilingual private school. Helena attended middle school at the Manitou School, learning Spanish as part of the immersive bilingual structure of the school. At Haldane High School, she completed courses in both Spanish and French, culminating in AP Spanish, which she took as a sophomore, and AP French, which she completed as a senior. Helena expressed to her NYSSB Coordinator, Ms. Julia Sniffen: "My extensive background in languages has made it easier for me to learn new languages, especially ones that share a root with a language I already have familiarity with."

Helena explained that "a clear benefit of learning foreign languages is that one never learns just one language in isolation; one gains familiarity with the cultural values of another part of the world, strengthens one's pattern-recognition skills, and builds courage. Some humility is also an inevitable lesson when learning a language. There are frustrating moments when one has something to say, but cannot communicate it fully. In these moments, my favorite lesson about language-learning is evident: improvisation. Experimentation and improvisation are necessary when diving into a new language and allow a person to discover new things about themself." Helena expressed that she and several of her bilingual friends take on another identity when they speak a different language. She goes on to state that "undoubtedly, bilingualism is not only a skill set, but a type of flexibility deep in oneself." The Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages commends Helena Kottman, her family, and the staff at Haldane High School for making history as the first person to earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy in five world languages in addition to English.

Earning Points Toward the NYSSB in English

To earn the NYSSB, students must earn three points in English and three points in a world language by demonstrating a high level of proficiency in English and one or more world languages by completing tasks from a points matrix listed on the Criteria to Earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy. This point matrix provides a multitude of ways in which students can earn these points to achieve the NYSSB. Figure 19 below shows the evolution of the use of points to demonstrate of proficiency in English toward the NYSSB.

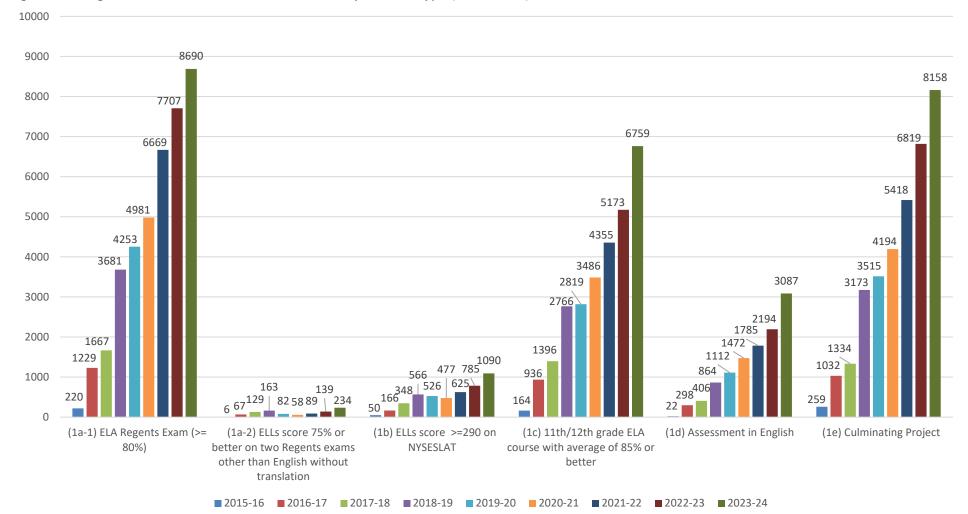
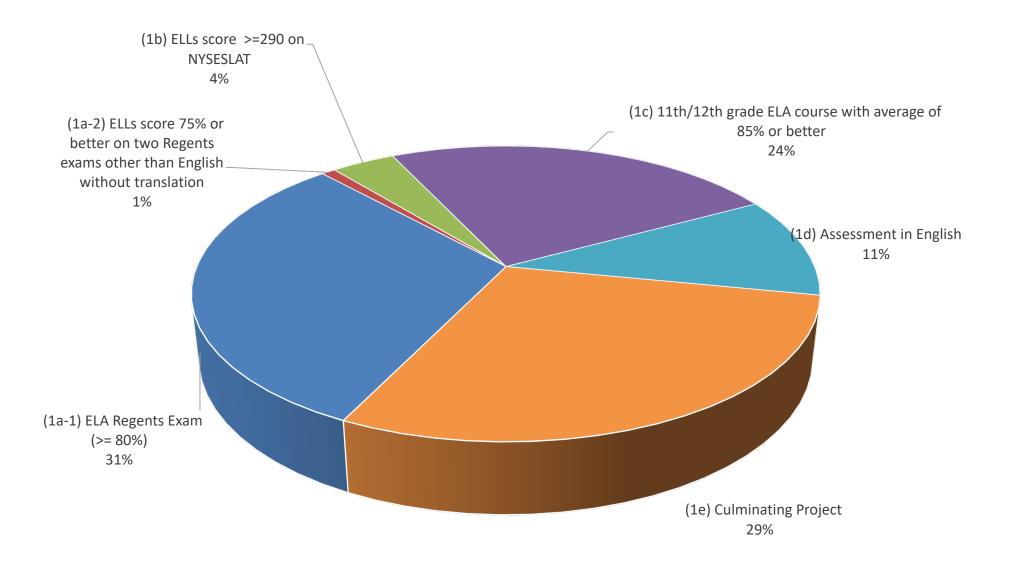


Figure 19. English Points Earned Toward the NYSSB by Criteria Type (2016-2024)

Figure 20 shows the number of points earned from each English criterion as a percentage of the total number of points earned in 2023-24.

Figure 20. Points from Criteria Used to Satisfy the English Requirements of the NYSSB as a Percentage of All English Points (2023-24)



Assessments chosen by NYSSB earners can be further disaggregated by ELL Status, as seen below in Table 9.

Table 9. Criterion 1A, 1B, and 1D Assessments Used by Various Student Groups to Earn Points in English toward the NYSSB (2023-24)

English Assessment	ELLs	Never ELLS (Home Language = English)	Never ELLs (Home Language ≠ English)
1A - ELA Regents	1,646	5,329	1,715
1A - 2 Regents Exams	234	n/a	n/a
1B – NYSESLAT	1,090	n/a	n/a
1D - AAPPL	107	23	41
1D - AP Language	161	1,855	356
1D - AP Literature	31	164	36
1D - IB Lang & Lit	0	25	5
1D - IB Lit	2	8	1
1D - STAMP4S	155	43	69
1D - TOEFL	2	n/a	n/a
Totals	7,243	15,929	4,852



Student dancers performed at the Levittown UFSD celebration of their 2024 NYSSB graduates. (Photo courtesy of Levittown UFSD)

Earning Points Toward the NYSSB in a World Language Other Than English

Figure 21 below shows the evolution of the use of world language points earned toward the NYSSB.

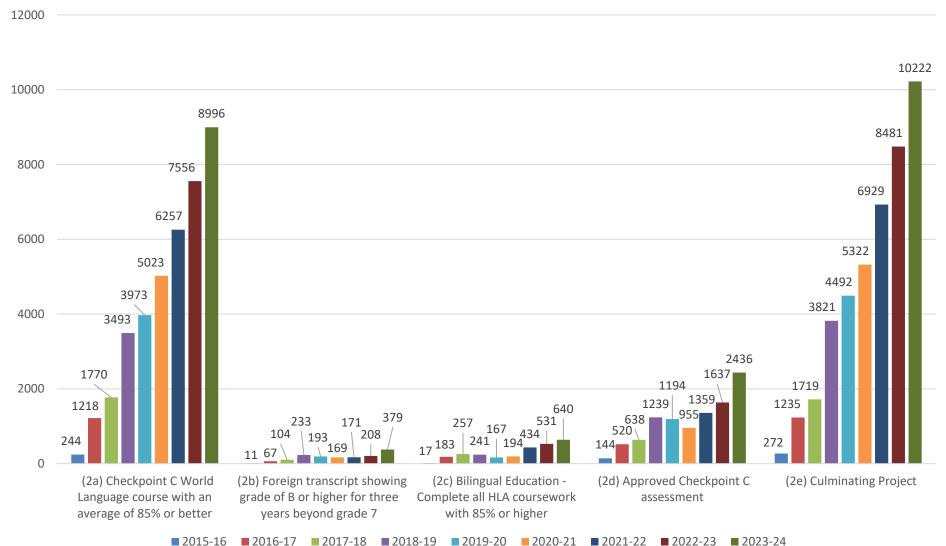
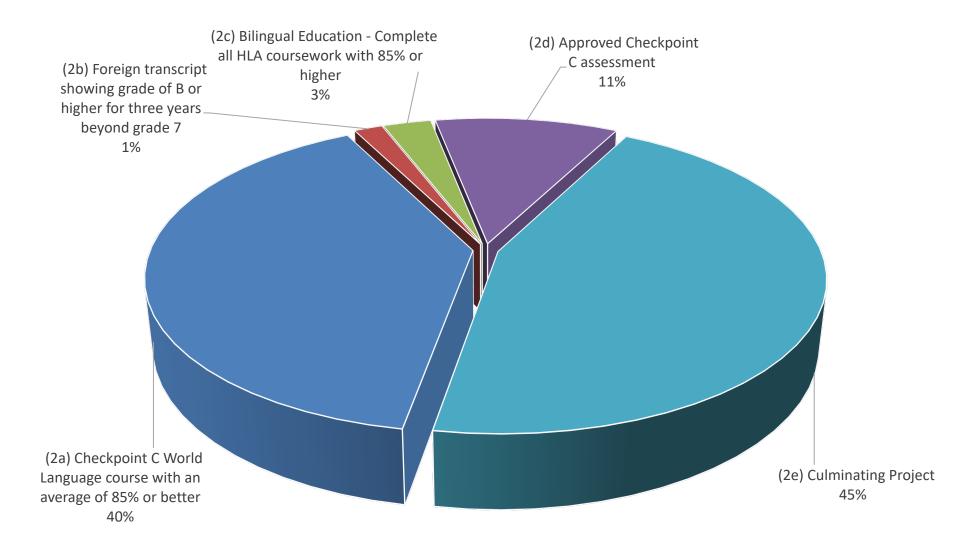


Figure 21. World Language Points Earned Toward the NYSSB by Criteria Type (2016-2024)

Prior to 2020-21, the use of criterion 2D did not separate out any of the various assessments. In 2021-22, schools began reporting these exams separately on the End of Year Data Form.

Figure 22 shows the number of points earned from each world language criterion as a percentage of the total number of points earned in 2023-24.

Figure 22. Points from Criteria Used to Satisfy the World Language Requirements of the NYSSB as a Percentage of All World Language Points (2023-24)



Students may attempt to earn a point from an approved Checkpoint C assessment for the NYSSB. World language assessments chosen by NYSSB earners can be further disaggregated by ELL status, as seen below in Table 10.

Table 10. Criterion 2D Assessments in World Languages Used by Various Students Groups to Earn Points toward the NYSSB (2023-24)

World Language Assessment	ELLs	Never ELLs (HL=English)	Never ELLs (HL≠English)
AAPPL	347	154	180
AP Language	518	184	216
AP Literature	41	11	8
ASL - SLPI	3	4	1
DELE	2	3	2
German - Zertifikat Deutsche	0	0	1
Greek-Ellinomatheia	0	0	1
IB World Language	2	30	9
Latin ALIRA	0	2	0
OPI (c) - WPT/BWT - RPT – LPT (any combination)	137	13	53
Oral Interview	21	6	5
STAMP4S	276	63	135
STAMPWS	13	154	3
Totals	1,360	470	614



2024 NYSSB graduates from Preston HS (Photo courtesy of Preston HS)

Conclusions and Next Steps

New York State has experienced great progress in the number of high schools offering the NYS Seal of Biliteracy, as well as in the number of students earning it since its first offering in 2015-16. Based on the available data and the goals and strategies outlined in this report, NYSED anticipates experiencing significant future growth in the number of high schools offering the NYSSB and the number of students earning it. Through consistent effort, NYSED will strive to make sure the NYSSB is accessible to all students who wish to pursue it, especially to English Language Learners and Heritage Language Speakers who bring with them a rich cultural heritage and a solid foundation in a world language other than English. To achieve our goals, OBEWL will partner with a variety of stakeholders, including the NYSSB Task Force, the NYSSB Forum, NYSSB high schools, the Office of Multilingual Learners of the NYCPS, the Regional Bilingual Education Resource Networks (RBERNS), local consortia, and Community-Based Organizations.



2024 NYSSB graduates from West Seneca West HS (Photo courtesy of West Seneca CSD)

Resources

ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines 2024

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

Heritage Learners

Language and Careers

National Guidelines for Implementing the Seal of Biliteracy

National Seal of Biliteracy website

New York State Education Data website

New York State Education Department website

NYSSB Annual Reports

NYSSB Guidance Toolkit

NYSSB Handbook

NYSSB One-Page Briefs for Stakeholders

- <u>Culminating Project Advisors</u>
- <u>Counselors and Administrators</u>
- Panel of Reviewers
- <u>Families (One-Page Summaries for Students and Families in</u> <u>multiple languages)</u>
- <u>Students</u>
- <u>Teachers</u>
- <u>NYSSB Website</u>

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2024 NYSSB graduate from East Rockaway JSHS (Photo courtesy of East Rockaway UFSD)

Appendices

Appendix A: High Schools Awarding the NYSSB by Region

Capital Region

Albany HS Amsterdam HS Averill Park HS Ballston Spa HS Beekmantown HS Bethlehem HS Bolton HS Brushton-Moira HS Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake SHS Colonie Central HS Columbia HS Columbia HS Corinth HS Crown Point HS Franklin Academy HS Glens Falls SHS Gloversville HS Greenwich JSHS Guilderland HS Herkimer HS Hudson City HS Hudson Falls HS Ichabod Crane HS James A. Green HS Johnstown HS Lake George JSHS Long Lake CS Massena Central HS Mohonasen HS Mount Markham HS Northville HS Queensbury HS Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk HS Saranac HS Saratoga Springs HS Schenectady HS Shaker HS Shaker HS Shenendehowa HS South Glens Falls SHS Troy HS Tupper Lake Middle HS Wells HS Whitehall JSHS



2024 NYSSB graduate (center left) from Shenendehowa HS flanked by administrators and a faculty member (Photo courtesy of Shenendehowa CSD)

Hudson Valley Region

Afton HS Alexander Hamilton HS Ardsley HS Barack Obama School for Social Justice Beacon HS **Brewster HS Bronxville HS** Carmel HS Chester Academy Middle/HS **Clarkstown HS North Clarkstown HS South Cornwall Central HS Croton Harmon HS Delaware Academy HS** Dover HS Downsville CS Ellenville HS F. D. Roosevelt HS Fallsburg HS Fox Lane HS Gorton HS **Goshen Central HS** Greene HS Haldane HS Harrison HS Hastings on Hudson HS Hendrick Hudson HS **Irvington HS**

James I. O'Neill HS John Jay SHS **Kingston HS** Lakeland HS Lincoln HS Marlboro HS Middletown HS **Minisink HS** Monroe-Woodbury HS Monticello HS Mount Vernon HS Nanuet HS New Paltz HS New Rochelle HS Newburgh Free Academy North Rockland HS North Salem HS Nyack HS Oneonta HS Onteora HS **Ossining HS** Pawling HS **Pearl River HS** Peekskill HS **Pine Bush HS** Port Chester HS Port Jervis HS Putnam Valley HS Ramapo HS

Rhinebeck HS **Riverside HS Rondout Valley HS Roosevelt HS Early College** Studies Roscoe HS Roy C. Ketcham HS Rye HS Saugerties HS Saunders Trades and Technical HS **Sleepy Hollow HS** Somers HS Spring Valley HS **Stissing Mountain HS** Suffern HS Tappan Zee HS **Unatego JSHS** Valley Central HS Walter Panas HS Walton HS Warwick Valley HS Washingtonville HS Webutuck HS White Plains HS Woodlands Middle HS Yonkers HS Yonkers Montessori Academy Yorktown HS



2024 NYSSB graduates from Ossining HS (Photo courtesy of Ossining CSD)

Long Island Region

Amityville Memorial HS Babylon HS Baldwin HS Bay Shore HS Bayport-Blue Point HS Bellport SHS Brentwood HS Carle Place HS **Center Moriches HS Central Islip HS** Commack HS Comsewogue HS **Connetquot HS** Deer Park HS **Division Ave HS** East Islip HS East Meadow HS East Rockaway HS Eastport-South Manor JSHS Elmont Memorial HS **Fishers Island School** Floral Park Memorial HS Freeport HS G.W. Hewlett HS General Douglas MacArthur HS Glen Cove HS H. Frank Carey HS Hampton Bays HS Harborfields HS Hauppauge HS

Hempstead HS Herricks HS **Hicksville HS** Holy Trinity Diocesan HS Huntington HS Island Trees HS Islip HS JFK HS John F. Kennedy HS John H. Glenn HS **Kings Park HS** Lawrence HS Lindenhurst HS Locust Valley HS Long Beach HS Longwood HS Lynbrook HS Malverne HS Massapequa HS Mineola HS New Hyde Park Memorial HS North Babylon HS North Shore HS Oceanside HS **Oyster Bay HS** Patchogue-Medford HS Paul D. Schreiber SHS **Riverhead HS** Robert M. Grable Jr. Mount Sinai HS

Roosevelt HS Roslyn HS Sanford H. Calhoun HS Sayville HS Seaford HS Sewanhaka HS Shoreham-Wading River HS Smithtown HS East Smithtown HS West South Side HS Southampton HS Southold JSHS St. John the Baptist HS Syosset HS The Wheatley School **Uniondale HS** Valley Stream Central HS Valley Stream HS South Valley Stream North HS W. Tresper Clarke HS Walt Whitman HS Walter G. O'Connell Copiague HS Wantagh HS Ward Melville HS Wellington C. Mepham HS West Hempstead Secondary School West Islip HS Westbury HS William Floyd HS



2024 NYSSB graduates from Huntington HS (Photo courtesy of Huntington UFSD)

Mid-State Region

Alexandria HS Auburn HS Camden HS Carthage HS **Cato-Meridian JSHS** Cazenovia HS **Central Valley Academy** Charles O. Dickerson HS Charles W. Baker HS Chenango Forks HS **Chenango Valley HS** Chittenango HS **Christian Brothers Academy Cicero North Syracuse HS Cincinnatus HS** Corcoran HS **Cortland HS** Dryden HS East Syracuse Minoa Central HS G. Ray Bodley HS **General Brown JSHS** Harpursville JSHS Henninger HS Homer SHS Immaculate Heart CS

Indian River HS Institute of Technology at Syracuse Central Ithaca HS Jamesville-DeWitt HS Johnson City HS Jordan-Elbridge HS LaFayette JSHS Lansing HS Lehman Alternative Community School Liverpool HS Lowville Academy HS Lyme HS Maine-Endwell HS Marcellus HS McGraw HS Mexico HS **Moravia Central HS** New Hartford SHS Nottingham HS **Onondaga HS** Port Byron SHS **PSLA at Fowler** Remsen HS

Rome Free Academy Sackets Harbor HS Sandy Creek HS Sauquoit HS **Skaneateles HS** Solvay HS South Jefferson HS South Lewis HS Southern Cayuga JSHS Susquehanna Valley HS Thomas R. Proctor HS **Thousand Islands HS Tully JSHS Union Springs HS Union-Endicott HS** Vernon-Verona-Sherrill HS Vestal HS Watertown HS Watkins Glen HS Weedsport HS West Genesee HS Whitesboro HS Windsor Central HS



2024 NYSSB graduates from Tully HS (Photo courtesy of Tully CSD)

Mid-West Region

Arcadia HS Athena HS Batavia HS **Bloomfield HS Brighton HS Brockport HS** Caledonia-Mumford HS Churchville-Chili SHS Dansville HS East Upper School Edison Career & Technology HS Elba JSHS Eugenio Maria de Hostos **Charter School** Fairport HS Gates Chili HS Geneva HS

Hilton HS Honeoye Falls-Lima HS Honeoye Secondary School Irondequoit HS Joseph C. Wilson Magnet HS Le Roy HS Letchworth HS Livonia Middle/HS Marion HS Midlakes HS Naples JSHS Odyssey Academy **Olympia HS Pavilion HS** Penfield HS Perry HS **Red Creek HS**

Rochester Early College International HS Rush-Henrietta SHS School of the Arts School Without Walls Sodus HS Spencerport HS Victor SHS Waterloo HS Wayland-Cohocton HS Wayne SHS Webster Schroeder HS Webster Thomas HS Williamson HS York HS



2024 NYSSB graduates from Webster Thomas HS (Photo courtesy of Webster CSD)



2024 NYSSB graduates from Webster Schroeder HS (Photo courtesy of Webster CSD)

New York City Region

A. Philip Randolph Campus HS Academy for Excellence in Leadership Academy for Scholarship and Entrepreneurship Academy of American Studies Academy of Finance and Enterprise HS All City Leadership Secondary School All Hallows HS Al-Noor School American Dream Charter School Astor Collegiate Academy A-Tech HS Baccalaureate School for Global Education **Bard HS Early College Queens Baruch College Campus HS** Beacon HS (NYCPS) **Bronx Bridges HS** Bronx Center for Science and Mathematics Bronx Collegiate Academy **Bronx Envision Academy Bronx HS for Medical Science Bronx** Latin Bronx School of Law and Finance Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy Charter **Brooklyn Technical HS** Bushwick Leaders HS for Academic Excellence Cambria Heights Academy **Cardinal Spellman HS Cathedral Preparatory School Claremont International HS** Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences **Curtis HS** Dr. Richard Izquierdo Health & Science Charter East Williamsburg Scholars Academy Edward R. Murrow HS Energy Tech HS **Epic HS North** Esperanza Preparatory Academy Eximius College Preparatory Academy Flushing HS Fordham Leadership Academy Forest Hills HS Francis Lewis HS Franklin Delano Roosevelt HS Gregorio Luperon HS for Science & Math. **Grover Cleveland HS** Harry S. Truman HS Health, Arts, Robotics, and Technology HS

Herbert H. Lehman HS Hillcrest HS HS for Arts and Business HS for Excellence and Innovation HS for Health Careers and Sciences HS for Health Professions and Human Services HS for Teaching and the Professions HS of Applied Communication HS of Language and Innovation HS of Telecommunication Arts and Technology HS of World Cultures Independence HS Information Technology HS International HS at Lafayette International HS at Prospect Heights International School for Liberal Arts James Madison HS James Monroe HS John Adams HS John Bowne HS John Dewey HS Liberty HS Academy for Newcomers Long Island City HS Lower East Side Preparatory HS Manhattan Academy For Arts & Language Manhattan Bridges HS Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics Martin Van Buren HS **MESA Charter** Midwood HS Mott Hall Bronx HS Multicultural HS New Utrecht HS New Visions Charter HS for AIMS I New Visions Charter HS for AIMS II New Visions Charter HS for the Humanities II Newcomers HS Newtown HS Pan American International HS @ Elmhurst Port Richmond HS Preston HS PROGRESS HS for Professional Careers Queens HS for Information, Research, & Tech. Queens HS for Language Studies **Rachel Carson HS Coastal Studies Richmond Hill HS Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy**

Robert F. Kennedy Community HS Robert F. Wagner, Jr. Secondary School for Arts & Technology School for Classics HS South Bronx Preparatory Staten Island Technical HS Stuyvesant HS Susan E. Wagner HS The Academy of Urban Planning & Engineering The Bronx HS of Science The Brooklyn School for Social Justice The Global Learning Collaborative The Laboratory School of Finance & Technology The Scholars' Academy Thomas A. Edison Career & Technical Ed. HS Tottenville HS Townsend Harris HS University Neighborhood HS Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology Veritas Academy Voyages Prep - South Queens W. H. Maxwell Career and Technical Ed. HS Wadleigh Sec. School for the Perf. & Visual Arts William Cullen Bryant HS Williamsburg HS for Architecture and Design Williamsburg Preparatory School World Journalism Preparatory



2024 NYSSB graduates from Christian Brothers Academy (Syracuse) (Photo courtesy of Christian Brothers Academy)

Western Region

Alden HS Allegany-Limestone Middle HS Amherst HS Andover HS **Barker JSHS Brocton HS** Cheektowaga HS **City Honors School Clarence SHS Dunkirk HS** East Aurora HS Ellicottville Middle/HS Franklinville JSHS Frewsburg JSHS **Frontier Central HS** Gowanda HS Holland HS Hutchinson Central Technical HS Iroquois HS Jamestown HS Kenmore East HS Kenmore West HS LA Webber MS/HS

Lackawanna HS Lafayette International Community HS Lakeshore HS Lancaster HS Lewis J. Bennett HS Lewiston-Porter HS Maple Grove JSHS Medina HS Newfane HS Niagara Falls HS Niagara Wheatfield HS **Orchard Park HS Randolph SHS** Research Laboratory HS for Bio. & Life Sciences Riverside HS (Buffalo) Silver Creek HS Southwestern HS Starpoint HS Sweet Home HS The International Preparatory School at Grover West Seneca East SHS West Seneca West SHS Wilson HS



2024 NYSSB graduates from Jamestown HS (Photo courtesy of Jamestown CSD)

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2024 NYSSB graduate from John Jay SHS with her NYSSB Coordinator (Photo courtesy of Wappingers CSD)

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