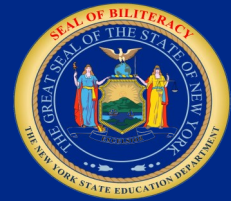


How to Participate in the NYSSB Student Voices Program 2022



New York State
Seal of Biliteracy
(NYSSB)

Purpose

Since the first New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) was awarded in 2015, the number of participating schools grew to 324 in 2020-21 and will be close to 400 in this school year. At the present, more than 17,600 students have earned the NYSSB, demonstrating the importance of being multilingual and multiliterate in today's global society. The Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages is soliciting short video clips of 2021-22 NYSSB candidates speaking about why they chose to pursue the NYSSB in order to create both statewide and regional videos to promote the NYSSB. Using a smart phone or other device, students may record a short video clip of no more than 60 seconds in English and/or a world language expressing their motivation for participating in this program.

Requirements

The intention of this project is to create videos with students speaking in English and other world languages about their experience with the NYSSB. We encourage students to submit their video clips in whichever language they prefer (and we hope that many will submit in a language other than English). Students can also submit two video clips: one in English and one in the world language in which they earned the NYSSB. If a student chooses to submit a video clip in a language other than English, please submit a translation of what was said using the [following online form](#).

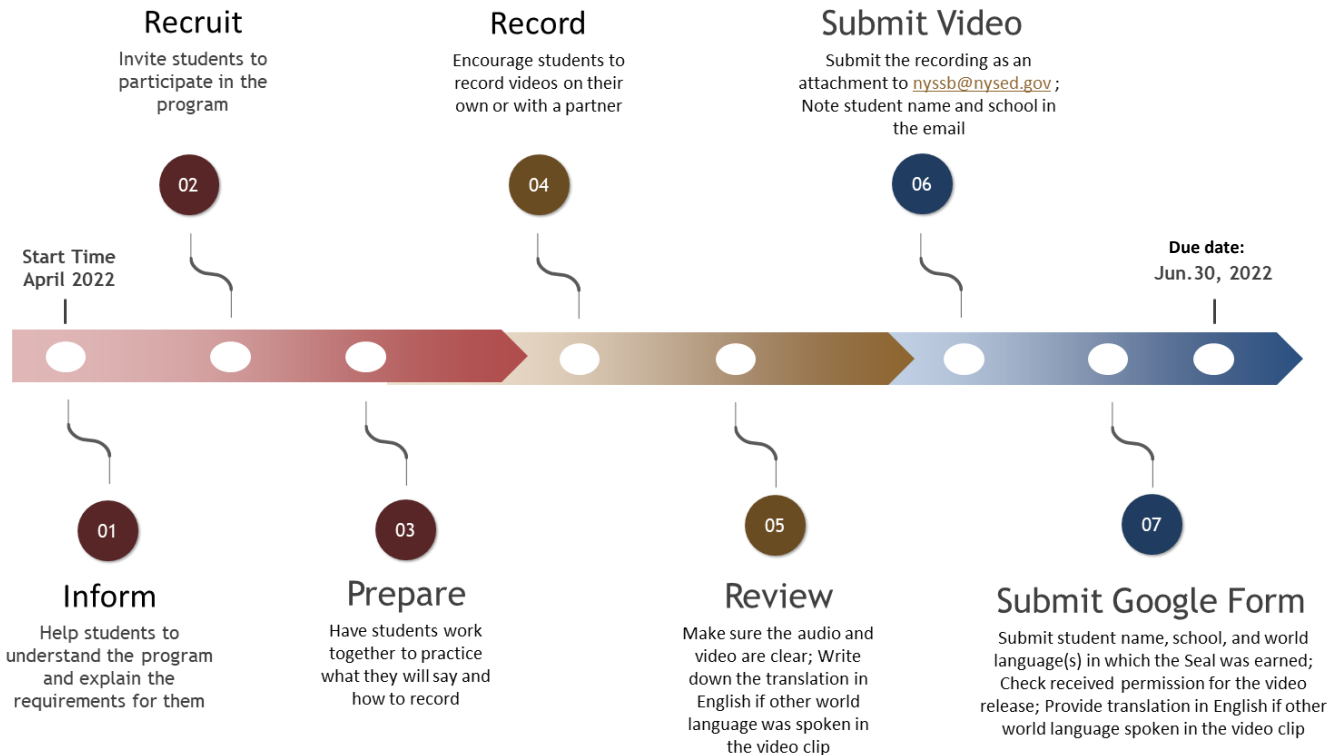
Content of video:

1. "My name is (insert first and last name) and I am a 2022 New York State Seal of Biliteracy candidate from (insert name of school)."
2. Respond to one or more of the following questions:
 - Why is it important for today's graduates to speak more than one language?
 - Why did you choose to pursue the New York State Seal of Biliteracy?
 - How might you use your language skills beyond high school?
3. Say the slogan: "The New York Seal of Biliteracy: I did it and so can you!"

Technique:

1. Length of video clip: approximately 60 seconds
2. Recording methods: a smartphone (vertical orientation) or video camera
3. File formats: MP4, MOV, M4V, MPEG4, MPG, AVI or WMV

Process



Recommendation

- Have students practice what they intend to say.
- Take a practice video to determine if the video and audio quality are good. Make adjustments as necessary.
- Record the final video in a quiet space.
- Keep the camera still while recording.
- Record one student at a time. Submit a separate video clip for each student.
- Do not add any music or special effects – submit the raw video clips.

More Information

- Submission links: [Email for Video Submission](#), [Information Submission Google Form](#)
- Please access the website: <http://www.nysed.gov/world-languages/nyssb-student-voices-program-2022> for more information.
- Please contact us if you have any question: nyssb@nysed.gov.



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