

Alabama State Seal of Biliteracy

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1. If you are interested in applying for the MCS Seal of Biliteracy, please view our [MCS Seal of Biliteracy Slideshow](#) for more information about proficiency requirements, languages offered, test demos, and the 1st time application form link.
 2. **Applicants:** Application Links are on the MCS and JC websites under Academics.
 - a. If you have already taken and passed all sections of your other language test, you will be sent during your **senior year (12th grade year)** a request for verification and documentation of your English language proficiency. Once verifications of proficiency in English and your other language have been completed, we will contact you about the medal ceremony. Check your school email and the StudentSquare Group App for those dates and information.
 - b. If you have already taken another language test, but **did not** reach a benchmark score on all components, and you still wish to earn the seal, you will need to apply for a retest for only the sections you have not earned a benchmark score. Please fill out the retest application form located on the JC website and view the [payments and payment options document](#) for an explanation of the cost breakdown. You will not need to pay another application fee.
 - c. If you will be a first time applicant and test-taker, please fill out the First time application google form located on the JC website and view the [payments and payment options document](#) for an explanation of the cost breakdown. Please see a member of the SoBL team during Refuel or contact via email if you have any questions!
 3. **If you have questions about dates for** applications, testing, and reporting, please view [this document](#). The application, testing, and score reporting is an involved process. Once the set time periods have passed, you will no longer be able to apply, pay fees, or test. If you would like to request an extension for any of these things, please contact a SoBL team member as soon as possible to see if exceptions are able to be made.

4. **What should you do after you apply and make your payment?**

- a. When the application and fee collection window has ended, the SoBL team will send you an email with your assigned date and testing time
 - i. For the Fall semester, you will receive your dates at the beginning of November.
 - ii. For the Spring semester, you will receive your dates mid-March.

5. **What should you do after you take your test?**

- a. Once the testing window has ended, the Seal of Biliteracy team will begin to check for scores through the testing website. STAMP and OPI/WPT can take up to 2-3 weeks to be fully graded.
- b. Once all of your scores are in, you will receive an email to your school account with a score report from the school and from the testing site.
 - i. If you have scored the minimum required score on each test section, please read section “a” under “**Applicants**” on this document.
 - ii. If you have NOT achieved the required minimum score on each test section, you will have the opportunity to retake a whole or partial test the following semester. If you are testing in the Spring, the next semester will be the Fall of the following school year.
 - iii. Please read the [application, testing, and score report window document](#) for dates of when you can expect to receive your scores.
 - iv. If you have any questions about your scores or language requirements, please contact a SoBL team member.

6. **SENIORS:** If you will be a senior the year you take your other language test, we encourage you to test in the Fall semester in case you need to retest due to scores or complications while completing the test. If you are taking the test in the Spring semester of your senior year, you will need to complete testing **early** in the testing window so that there is a better chance of your scores coming in before we have to report names for the MCS Seal of Biliteracy Medal Ceremony and the Graduation Program.

7. **What can you do with your certificate?** When you earn the Seal of Biliteracy, you will receive documentation as to your level of proficiency in your world language. You can use this documentation as evidence for your professional portfolio, your resume, and even your LinkedIn profile.