

**SEAL OF BILITERACY**

The purpose of this policy is to recognize students who have developed linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy in one or more world languages offered within the District curriculum, in addition to English, in order to ensure broader intercultural understanding and career opportunities. Multilingualism enhances cognitive development, divergent and critical thinking, and problem solving, as well as promotes communication and understanding in an increasingly global society. The District shall present a Seal of Biliteracy on the transcript and diploma of the qualified graduating senior as an indicator of accomplishment for future employers and college admissions. The District shall approve applications for the award based on a review of the student qualifications in accordance with District established criteria.