



## Seal of Biliteracy 2017

### Implementing the Seal of Biliteracy at CBA

Participation in the Seal of Biliteracy is voluntary and at the discretion of each local school district and private/independent school. As a private/independent school, our students will automatically be tested in their third year of learning a world language. Seniors wanting to retake the assigned test of the language studied, will be allowed to do so in the spring of their graduating year.

The World Language Department will prepare and deliver the certificate to be awarded to our students prior to the World Language Honor Society Induction Ceremony in March. It is the students' responsibility to complete and submit the application form on time to the department. The school must ensure that all records are appropriately maintained to identify who has earned the CBA's Seal of Biliteracy Award.



## Special Thanks

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### Additional Information

Link to the Seal of Biliteracy Legislation:

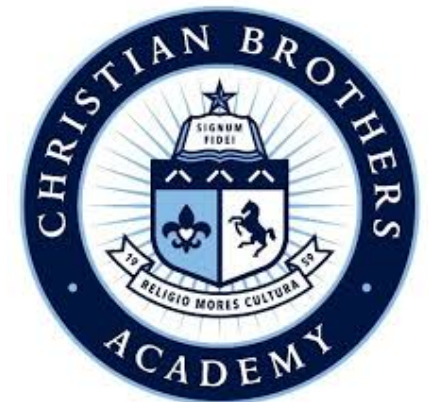
[www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/PL15/303.HTM](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/PL15/303.HTM)

Link to Seal of Biliteracy websites:

<http://sealofbiliteracy.org>

[https://www.actfl.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/SealofBiliteracyGuidelines\\_0.pdf](https://www.actfl.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/SealofBiliteracyGuidelines_0.pdf)

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## World Language Department





## About the Seal

The Seal of Biliteracy was an initiative started by Californians Together in 2008 to acknowledge and award bilingual and multilingual students. In 2011, California was the first to adopt the Seal and today multiple states throughout the nation have implemented this award. On January 19, 2016 New Jersey became the 15<sup>th</sup> state to adopt the Seal of Biliteracy. Christian Brothers Academy's World Language Department started the process of creating and adopting the criteria for the Seal in October 2016. By March 2017, nineteen students received the award. By achieving the Seal, our students demonstrate they are able to speak, read, listen and write two or more languages at a high level of proficiency.

## Requirements

**In order for students to be eligible to receive the Seal of Biliteracy:**

- ❖ **Students must demonstrate a proficiency level of Intermediate Mid or higher in a World Language.**
- ❖ **Students must demonstrate proficiency in English by meeting CBA's chosen scores in the English Critical Reading Section of the SAT, or demonstrate proficiency in the ACT full assessment.**

***Note:*** See requirement details in the *Testing Criteria* section of this brochure

## Purpose

Christian Brothers Academy seeks to:

- ✓ Foster a student's love of languages;
- ✓ Encourage pursuit of, and certify attainment of biliteracy;
- ✓ Certify to universities the student's proficiency in a second language;
- ✓ Help employers easily identify people who have a demonstrated level of mastery of a language other than English;
- ✓ Prepare students for work in global corporations and/or organizations;
- ✓ Strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a community;
- ✓ Recognize and promote foreign language instruction in private and/or independent schools.

## Testing Criteria

### English

- 500 or higher on the SAT
- 24 or higher on the full assessment of the ACT.

### World Language

- A score of Intermediate Mid on the OPI and the WPT or
- A score of i3 or higher in all modes of the ACTFL AAPL or
- A score of Intermediate Mid (5 or higher) on the STAMP assessment in all Writing/Speaking and Reading/Listening levels or
- A score of I3 in ALIRA in Latin

*Note:* Languages for which no language test is available will be reviewed on an individual basis.