

# Seal of Biliteracy for High School Diplomas

## Assessment Criteria



Senate Bill 17-123 established requirements by which high school students may earn a seal of biliteracy if they demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one World Language. The law required the Colorado Department of Education to establish assessment criteria for students to demonstrate proficiency. In addition to the option of using either Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate World Language assessments, local education agencies may create an assessment for students to demonstrate proficiency. LEA developed assessment must meet these criteria.

### The Assessment MUST:

- Be comparable in rigor to an Advanced Placement Test.
- Require the student to pass the test at the proficient level or higher
- Have a standardized process across a school or grade level.
- Assess all domains of the language through: reading, writing, speaking and listening
  - 50% must assess literacy – reading and writing
  - 50% must assess oral language – speaking and listening

### Districts may consider the following format for meeting the assessment requirements:

#### Sample Exam Format

#### Section I - Multiple Choice — 65 Questions | 1 Hour, 30 Minutes | 50% of Exam Score

- **Part A** — 30 questions; 40 minutes
  - Interpretive Communication: Printed Texts
- **Part B** — 30 questions; 50 minutes
  - Interpretive Communication: Print and Audio Texts (combined)
  - Interpretive Communication: Audio Texts

#### Section II - Free Response — 4 Tasks | 1 Hour, 20 Minutes | 50% of Exam Score

- **Part A** — Written Tasks; 60 minutes
  - **Interpersonal Writing:** Email response (1 prompt; 15 minutes)
  - **Presentational Writing:** Persuasive essay (1 prompt; ~ 55 minutes total: 15 minutes to review materials plus 40 minutes to write)
- **Part B** — Spoken Responses; 20 minutes
  - **Interpersonal Speaking:** Conversation (5 prompts; 20 seconds for each response)
  - **Presentational Speaking:** Cultural evaluation (1 prompt; 4 minutes to prepare, 2 minutes to respond)