



# The NYS Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) 2023-2024



The NYSSB is an award given to a student who has demonstrated a high level of proficiency in English and one or more world languages.



**499** schools offered the NYSSB.



**10,591** students earned the NYSSB.



**2,874** Current and Former English Language Learners (ELLs) earned the NYSSB. (27%)

**5,798** Never ELLs whose home language is English earned the NYSSB. (55%)

**1,919** Never ELLs whose home language is not English earned the NYSSB. (18%)

Current ELLs are students who, by birth or ancestry, speak or understand a language other than English and who scored below a NYS designated level of proficiency on the NYSITELL or the NYSESLAT. Ever ELLs are students who were once ELLs, but who have since demonstrated the NYS designated level of proficiency necessary to exit ELL status. Never ELLs are students who have never been identified as ELLs.



**6,998** female students earned the NYSSB. (66%)



**3,575** male students earned the NYSSB. (33.8%)



**18** non-binary students earned the NYSSB. (0.2%)



**328** students earned the NYSSB in TWO world languages in addition to English.

**17** students earned the NYSSB in THREE world languages in addition to English.

**3** students earned the NYSSB in FOUR world languages in addition to English.

**1** student earned the NYSSB in FIVE world languages in addition to English.



**81** languages in which the NYSSB was earned

Languages in which students earned the NYSSB: Akan Twi, Albanian, American Sign Language, Amharic, Arabic, Bengali, Bisaya, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cantonese, Cebuano, Chin, Croatian, Dari, Dutch, Ewe, French, Georgian, German, Greek, Gujarati, Guyanese Creole, Haitian Creole, Hausa, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Khmer, Kinyarwanda, Korean, Kunama, Kurundi, Latin, Latvian, Lingala, Macedonian, Malay, Malayalam, Mandarin, Mandinka, Marathi, Mizo, Mohawk, Montenegrin, Nepali, Pashto, Patois, Persian Farsi, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Seneca, Serbian, Somali, Soninke, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrinya, Turkish, Turkmen, Tuscarora, Twi, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof, Yemeni



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For more information on the NYSSB, please visit our [website](#).

# How has the Seal of Biliteracy evolved in New York State?



The NYS Seal of Biliteracy was offered for the first time as a pilot program in 2015-16.

**Total # of students who have earned the NYSSB through 2024: 44,280**



2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
284	1,355	2,054	4,031	4,609	5,492	7,114	8,745	10,591

Year	# of Current & Ever ELLs	# of Never ELLs (HL = English)	# of Never ELLs (HL ≠ English)
2015-16	106	178	*
2016-17	359	996	*
2017-18	611	1,443	*
2018-19	1,091	2,940	*
2019-20	1,227	3,382	*
2020-21	1,283	3,493	716
2021-22	1,872	4,245	997
2022-23	2,293	5,179	1,273
2023-24	2,874	5,798	1,919

Year	# Schools offering the NYSSB
2015-16	14
2016-17	84
2017-18	115
2018-19	228
2019-20	292
2020-21	324
2021-22	374
2022-23	428
2023-24	499

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Year	# of NYSSB earners in 2 languages + English	# of NYSSB earners in 3 languages + English	# of NYSSB earners in 4 languages + English	# of NYSSB earners in 5 languages + English
2015-16	0	0	0	0
2016-17	6	0	0	0
2017-18	12	0	0	0
2018-19	23	1	0	0
2019-20	80	3	0	0
2020-21	93	4	0	0
2021-22	184	11	1	0
2022-23	256	11	1	0
2023-24	328	17	3	1

Year	# of Languages
2015-16	9
2016-17	33
2017-18	39
2018-19	47
2019-20	58
2020-21	54
2021-22	68
2022-23	82
2023-24	81