



# NYS Seal of Biliteracy Mid-West Region 2023-24



The New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) recognizes students from district, charter, and non-public schools who have attained a **high level of proficiency in two or more world languages** (one of which must be English) by high school graduation. It acknowledges the importance of biliteracy in today's global society.



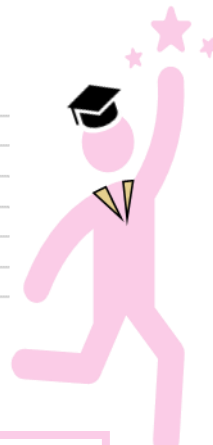
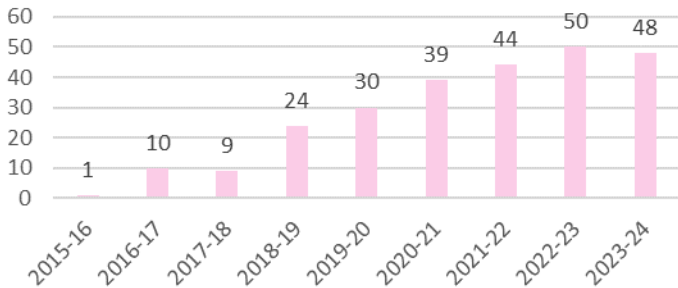
The intent of the NYSSB is to:

- affirm the value of diversity in a multilingual society;
- encourage the study of languages;
- identify high school graduates with multilingualism and multiliteracy skills for employers;
- provide universities with additional information about applicants seeking admission;
- prepare students with twenty-first century skills; and
- recognize the value of world and home language instruction in schools.



The NYSSB carries the highest weight on a school's "[Readiness Measures](#)", on par with the NYS Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams. This also includes current ELLs not in the graduation cohort earning the NYSSB and a Regents Diploma.

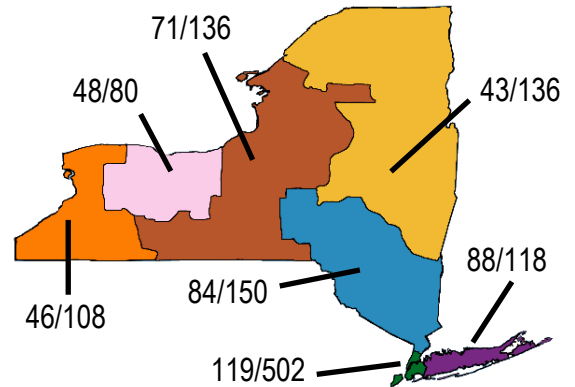
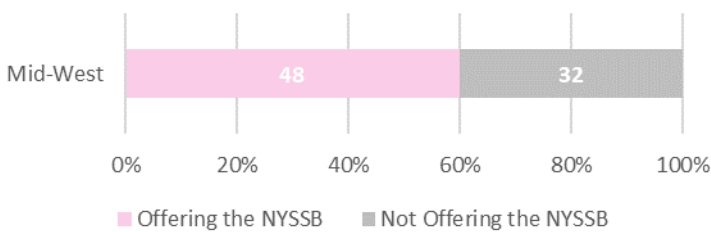
Number of Schools Offering the NYSSB in the Mid-West Region (2016-2024)



# 60%

of district schools in the Mid-West region offered the NYSSB in 2023-24.

Number of Schools Offering vs. Not Offering the NYSSB in the Mid-West Region (2023-24)



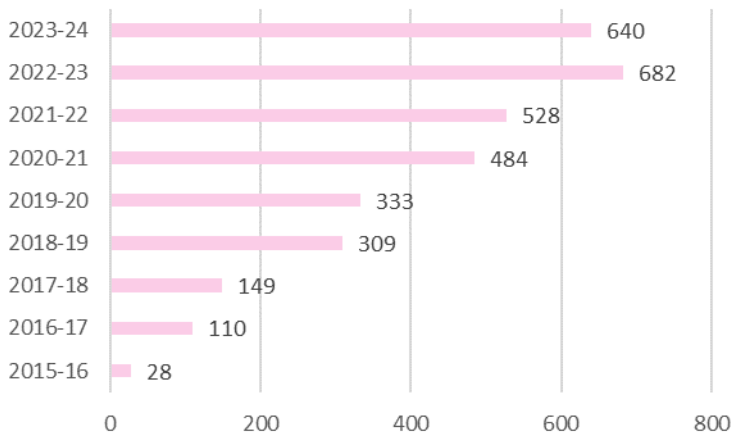
The ratios listed are the number of schools offering the NYSSB to the total number of district schools in the region.

In 2023-24, Mid-West region students earned the NYSSB in 27 different languages:

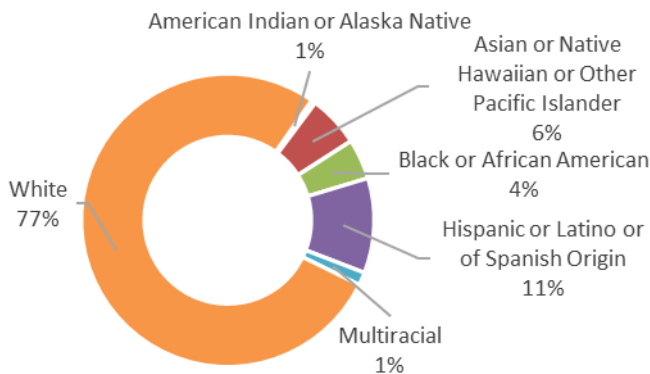
American Sign Language, Arabic, Bosnian, Dari, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Karen, Kinyarwanda, Latin, Latvian, Macedonian, Mandarin, Nepali, Pashto, Polish, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Telugu, Turkish, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Vietnamese

**640** students from the Mid-West region earned the NYSSB in 2023-24.

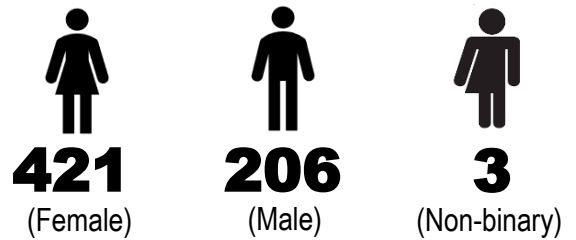
NYSSB Earners in the Mid-West Region (2016-2024)



Percentage of Students who Earned the NYSSB in the Mid-West Region by Race (2023-24)



### Seal Earners by Gender

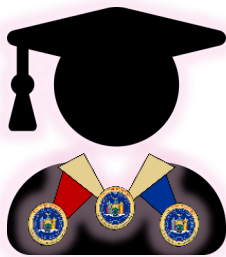


### Seal Earners by ELL Status

Current ELLs and Students Previously Identified as ELLs	101
Never ELLs - Home Language = English	471
Never ELLs - Home Language ≠ English	58

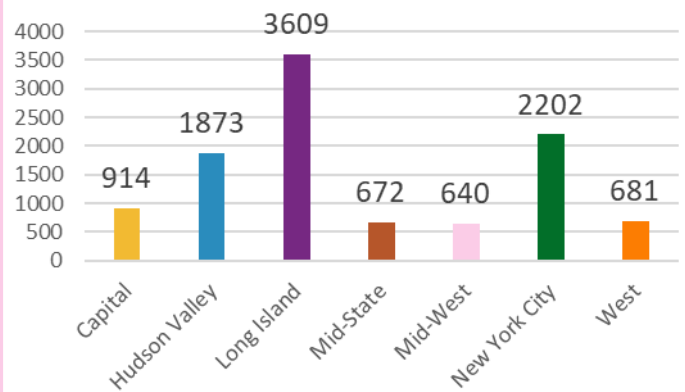
**Current ELLs** are students who, by birth or ancestry, speak or understand a language other than English and who score below the designated level on the NYS English language proficiency assessment. **Ever ELLs** are students who were once ELLs, but who have since demonstrated the NYS designated level of proficiency necessary to exit ELL status. **Never ELLs** are students who have never been identified as ELLs. A Never ELL's home language may be English or another world language.

**14** students from the Mid-West region earned the NYSSB in **two** world languages in addition to English in 2023-24.



**1** student from the Mid-West region earned the NYSSB in **three** world languages in addition to English in 2023-24.

Total Number of Students who Earned the NYSSB by Region (2023-24)



Your local RBERN can also provide support for your Seal of Biliteracy Program.

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