



NYS Seal of Biliteracy New York City 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.



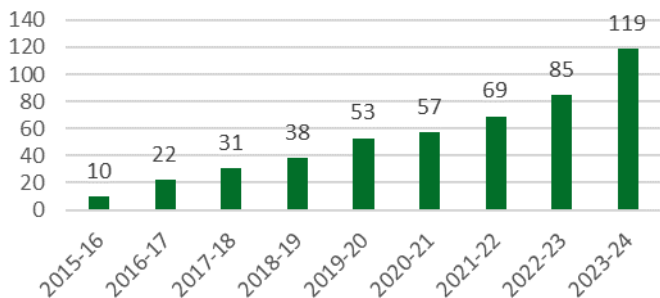
The intent of the NYSSB is to:

- 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.

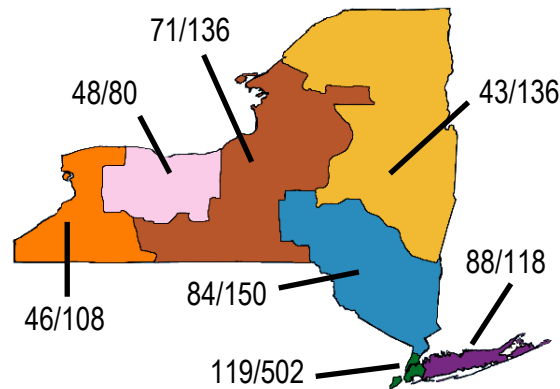
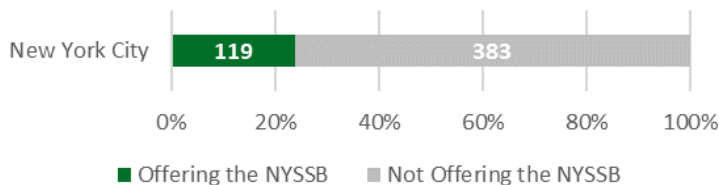
Number of Schools Offering the NYSSB in the New York City Region (2016-2024)



23.7%

of district schools in the New York City region offered the NYSSB in 2023-24.

Number of Schools Offering vs. Not Offering the NYSSB in the New York City Region (2023-24)



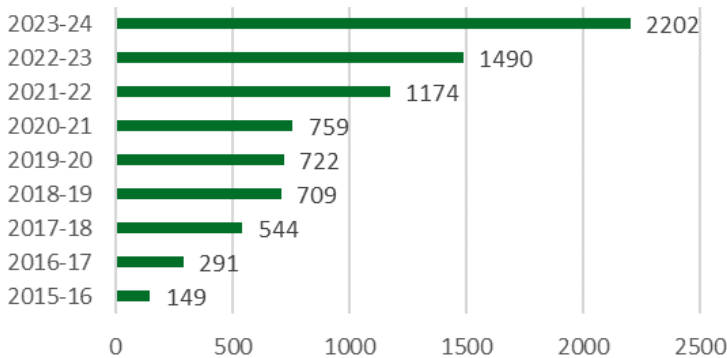
The ratios listed are the number of schools offering the NYSSB to the total number of district schools in the region.

In 2023-24, New York City region students earned the NYSSB in 40 different languages:

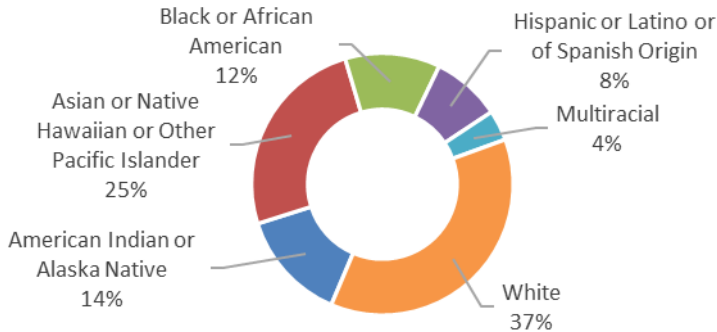
Akan Twi, Albanian, Arabic, Bengali, Bisaya, Burmese, Ewe, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Haitian Creole, Hausa, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Malayalam, Mandarin, Mandinka, Nepali, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Soninke, Spanish, Swedish, Tagalog, Thai, Tibetan, Turkish, Twi, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof

2,202 students from the New York City region earned the NYSSB in 2023-24.

NYSSB Earners in the New York City Region (2016-2024)



Percentage of Students who Earned the NYSSB in the New York City Region by Race (2023-24)



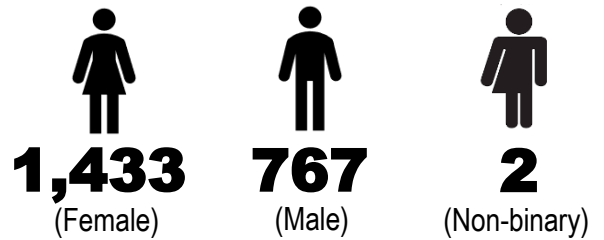
20 students from the New York City region earned the NYSSB in **two** world languages in addition to English in 2023-24.

3 students from New York City region earned the NYSSB in **three** world languages in addition to English in 2023-24.

1 student from the New York City region earned the NYSSB in **four** world languages in addition to English in 2023-24.



Seal Earners by Gender

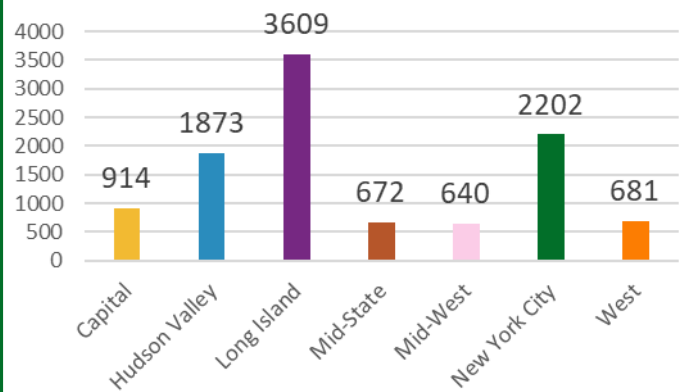


Seal Earners by ELL Status

Current ELLs and Students Previously Identified as ELLs	1,351
Never ELLs - Home Language = English	394
Never ELLs - Home Language ≠ English	457

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.

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



NYCPS should contact the Office of Multilingual Learners to get started with the NYSSB. Your local RBERN can also provide support for your Seal of Biliteracy Program.
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