



# Community Unit School District 303

Dear Students & Parents/Guardians,

St. Charles CUSD 303 is proud to offer the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy to our students which recognizes high school students who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in English and in other languages. To earn the Seal, Students must meet the state-approved proficiency level on both state-approved English and world language assessments. Students who approach the criteria but do not meet it may be eligible for the Commendation toward Biliteracy. Students can earn the Seal of Biliteracy or Commendation toward Biliteracy in more than one language. Freshmen to seniors may participate in the Seal of Biliteracy but recognition occurs upon graduation.

Upon graduating from St. Charles CUSD 303, the Seal is affixed to the diploma and designated on the transcript. Furthermore, the Illinois school code requires Illinois public universities and state-approved community colleges to establish criteria to translate a State Seal of Biliteracy into course credit. Applying for this recognition is voluntary and students and families must actively apply for this at the respective university. Students or families are responsible for this cost.

Please refer to the tables below about the qualifying tests and scores a student must achieve.

Second language:

Assessment	Cost	Language(s)	Seal of Biliteracy Minimum Qualifying Score	Commendation toward Biliteracy Minimum Qualifying Score
Advanced Placement (AP) Language and Culture exam		Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish	4	3
Advanced Placement (AP) Latin		Latin	4	3
AAPPL*	\$20	Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish	Intermediate High (I-5 for all four components)	Intermediate Low (I-1 for all four components)
ALIRA	\$20	Latin	Intermediate High (I-5)	Intermediate Low (I-1)
STAMP 4S	\$20	Hebrew, Hindi, Polish, Russian	Intermediate High (6 for all four components)	Intermediate Low (4 for all four components)
STAMP for ASL	\$20	American Sign Language (ASL)	Intermediate High (6 for receptive and expressive)	Intermediate Low (4 for receptive and expressive)
ALTA Speaking & Listening Assessment**	\$20	Afrikaans, Albanian, Amharic, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Bambara, Baluchi (Western), Bengali, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cambodian, Cape Verdean (Balavento, Sotavento), Chinese (Cantonese), Chuukese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dari, Dutch, Ewe, Fante (Akan), Farsi, Finnish, Fulani, Ga, Georgian, Greek, Gujarati, Haitian Creole, Hausa, Hmong, Hungarian, Igbo, Ilocano, Indonesian, Jamaican Patois, Kannada, Karenni, Kazakh, Kinyarwanda, Kurdish (Kurmanji, Sorani), Latvian, Laotian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Malay,	1+	1
ALTA Writing Assessment**			1+	1
ALTA Reading Assessment**			1+	1

		Malayalam, Mongolian, Navajo, Nepali, Norwegian, Oromo, Pashto, Pashto (Pakistan), Punjabi (Eastern, Western), Romanian, Russian, Samoan, Serbian, Sinhala, Slovak, Slovenian, Somali, Swahili, Swedish, Tagalog, Taiwanese, Tajik, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrinya, Turkish, Turkmen, Twi (Akan), Ukrainian, Urdu, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof, Yoruba		
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\*Individual test prices: Interpersonal Speaking - \$10, Presentational Writing - \$5, Interpretive Reading and/or Listening - \$5

\*\*The suite of ALTA assessments is \$20 in total.

#### English:

Assessments	Cost	Language	Seal of Biliteracy Minimum Qualifying Score	Commendation toward Biliteracy Minimum Qualifying Score
ACCESS for ELLs		English	4.8 composite	3.5 literacy (reading + writing average)
ACT		English	18 on the English Test or 21 composite score	
SAT		English	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) score of 480 or higher	
AP Language & Composition		English	4	3
English 101 & 102 (dual credit) or higher		English	Final GPA of 3.0 for course on a 4.0 scale	Final GPA of 2.5 for course on a 4.0 scale

The AAPPL, STAMP 4S, & ALTA measure interpretive listening, interpretive reading, interpersonal listening and speaking, and presentational writing. The ALIRA measures only interpretive reading. For more information, please visit the links below.

AAPPL: <http://aappl.actfl.org/>

ALTA: <https://altalang.com/language-testing/>

STAMP 4S: <https://avantassessment.com/stamp>

STAMP for ASL: <https://avantassessment.com/stamp-american-sign-language-asl>

The AAPPL, ALTA, ALIRA, and STAMP 4S tests will be administered on **February 27, 28, and 29** in the school LRC. Students should check in by 7:20 a.m. and bring their charged Chromebooks. The school will provide headphones to eliminate any possible quality and/or connectivity concerns.

Any student interested in registering for the Seal of Biliteracy should **complete the registration and payment using the appropriate labeled Pushcoin link by January 31**. Students who qualify for financial assistance are exempt from test registration fees and should use the Pushcoin link labeled "Fees Waived".

Please consider applying for this special recognition. If you have any questions, please ask your school counselor, World Language/ELL Teacher, or the administrator listed below at your high school.

Sincerely,



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