



SEAL OF BILITERACY FAQ

Who is eligible to earn the Seal of Bilingualism?

All CFSD students are eligible to earn the Seal of Bilingualism by graduation based on evidence of achieving the required level of language proficiency in English, as well as one or more additional languages. Students are invited to register for the STAMP 4S test in their junior and/or senior years.

How will proficiency in English be determined?

Students must successfully complete all high school English courses required for graduation.

Which world languages will be assessed in Catalina Foothills School District?

The state of Arizona does not mandate which languages each district will assess for the Seal of Bilingualism. Instead, school districts select languages based on their unique contexts as well as the approved assessment tools that they choose to use. Some districts, for example, offer the Seal of Bilingualism only in languages that are taught in their own K-12 systems. CFSD has elected to offer the Seal of Bilingualism in eight languages (two of which are taught at CFHS): Spanish, Mandarin Chinese (traditional or simplified), French, German, Hebrew, Arabic, Japanese, and Russian. More languages will be added as approved assessments are developed.

How will proficiency in other languages be determined?

Students will take Avant Assessment’s STAMP 4S test to demonstrate proficiency in the world language(s) of their choice. For detailed information about Avant Assessment’s STAMP 4S, click [here](#).

Who pays for the STAMP 4S test?

Students are responsible for test fees.

Can a student take the STAMP 4S in more than one world language?

Yes, however there is a separate testing fee for each language that is selected and the student may need to make an appointment to take the additional language test(s) on another date.

If a student qualifies for the Seal of Bilingualism in more than one world language, how will that be handled?

If a student earns the Silver Seal of Bilingualism in two or more world languages, one silver seal will appear on the diploma and all languages involved will be noted on the student’s transcript.

If a student earns the Silver Seal of Bilingualism in one world language and the Gold Seal in another, both a silver and gold seal will be affixed to the diploma and all languages involved will be noted on the student’s transcript.