

LEVELS OF RECOGNITION



CFSD offers two levels of recognition for the Seal of Biliteracy: the Silver Seal and the Gold Seal.

World Languages	SILVER SEAL	GOLD SEAL
	Levels of Proficiency Required	
Spanish French German Hebrew Russian	Intermediate Mid (Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing)	Intermediate High or more (Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing)
Mandarin Chinese (traditional or simplified) Arabic Japanese	Intermediate Mid (Speaking, Listening) Intermediate Low (Reading, Writing)	Intermediate High or more (Speaking, Listening) Intermediate Mid or more (Reading, Writing)

The proficiency levels indicated above refer to those found in the [ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines 2012](#). Click here to find descriptors.

You will notice that the minimum requirements for Mandarin Chinese, Arabic, and Japanese are different for the skills of Reading and Writing at both the Silver and Gold levels of recognition. This relates to each language’s “linguistic distance” from English. Spanish is a language that is closely related to English and as such, it takes less time for a native English-speaker to acquire as compared to a “linguistically distant” language such as Mandarin Chinese.