



Framingham Public Schools is pleased to announce that it will participate in the SEAL of BILITERACY initiative in Massachusetts. The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in two or more languages by high school graduation. It promotes biliteracy as an asset and rewards students' hard work in becoming bilingual and biliterate.

The Seal of Biliteracy recognizes the value of bilingualism, encourages students to pursue biliteracy, honors the skills our students attain, and can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices. Students can also receive 'pathway awards' along different points of language mastery at grade 5 and 8.

Pathway Awards:

- promote the learning of languages in addition to English
- encourage enrollment in language learning opportunities and programs
- shape initial attitudes and inform children about language diversity
- prepare students with 21st century skills that will benefit them in the labor market and the global society

Children who are learning two languages and who have a familiarity with one or more cultures different from their own have the advantage of understanding the viewpoint of others and recognizing the importance of communicating effectively when tackling issues across the globe. For more information about the nationwide adoption please refer to <http://sealofbiliteracy.org/>.

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