Seal of Biliteracy

Newark High School honors students who have exemplified high proficiency in both English and another language by qualifying for the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy. This achievement may be attained by any student who achieves a qualifying score on the approved Illinois State Standard Assessments. Students who obtain the Seal of Biliteracy are given recognition at graduation and receive the Seal of Biliteracy of the language on their diploma and transcript.

According to the Illinois School Code, The Seal of Biliteracy is equivalent to two years of high school Foreign Language for Illinois public university purposes. In addition, Illinois public community colleges and universities must establish criteria that transfer the Seal of Biliteracy into course credit at their institution. Awarded course credits vary per school. Students who have earned a State Seal of Biliteracy must request course credit for their Seal within three academic years after graduating from high school. To see college credit policies by institution, see https://www.isbe.net/Documents/College-Credit-Placement-Seal.pdf

Students who are interested in obtaining the Seal of Biliteracy must notify Mrs. Ahearn by September 1 of their senior year.

Standard Assessments offered at NCHS

Assessments to Demonstrate Proficiency in a Language Other Than English:

Assessment	**Languages Available**	**Minimum Score to Qualify for Seal**
Advanced Placement (AP) Language and Culture Exam	Spanish	4
ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) FORM B	Arabic, ASL, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish	I-5 Intermediate High (ACTFL)

Assessments to Demonstrate Proficiency in English:

Assessment	**Score to Qualify for Seal of Biliteracy**
ACT + Writing	18 ELA Subject Area
Advanced Placement English Language and Composition Exam	4

For more information, visit https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Seal-of-Biliteracy.aspx