



Oregon Seal of Biliteracy

Have you considered earning the [Oregon Seal of Biliteracy](#), documenting your proficiency in two or more languages, and being recognized with a Seal on your diploma? Check out the Oregon Department of Education criteria for [high school students](#).

Biliterate teachers are very much in demand and, in some cases, may be eligible for additional compensation (salary) given the importance of this asset.

What is the difference between bilingual and biliterate? ... a bilingual person can fluently speak two languages. A person who is biliterate can read and write proficiently in two languages.

If you are a native/heritage speaker or find learning languages easy, you should consider earning the Oregon Biliteracy Seal while still in high school. The seal added to your transcript recognizes and values the native language/s students speak and bring to their English academic studies. Benefits include earning World Language high school credits, freeing up your schedule to take other courses, and potentially earning credit for language coursework offered in colleges or universities. Also important is how school districts value biliteracy in teacher candidates they employ. How could I get started in earning my [Biliteracy Seal through Willamette Promise?](#)

As of 2020, the Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy recognizes 22 languages, including Chinuk Wawa, Nez Perce, and Umatilla, three languages spoken by several of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon.



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