**STUDENT APPLICATION**

**For the Board of Education**

**DIPLOMA SEAL OF BILITERACY**

**Background:**

The Virginia General Assembly has directed the State Board of Education to establish a system for awarding a diploma seal of Biliteracy. The following was adopted by the Board of Education:

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| The Board of Education’s Seal of Biliteracy certifies attainment of a high level of proficiency by a graduating high school student in one or more languages in addition to English, and certifies that the graduate meets all of the following criteria:1. The Board of Education’s [Seal of Biliteracy](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/graduation/diploma_seals/seal_of_biliteracy/index.shtml) will be awarded to students who earn a Board of Education-approved diploma and (i) pass all required End-of-Course Assessments in English reading and writing at the proficient or higher level; and (ii) be proficient at the intermediate-mid level or higher in one or more languages other than English, as demonstrated through an assessment from a list to be approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
2. For purposes of this article, "foreign language" means a language other than English, and includes American Sign Language.
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**Directions to Applicants:**

1. Complete all sections of the application. Type or print legibly all information.
2. Submit application and documentation of qualifying scores to your school counselor at your base high school no later than May 1st.

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Today’s Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Expected Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name of School Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Assessment information used to document proficiency in a language other than English:**

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| **Language** | **Name of Assessment** | **Date Completed** | **Score\*** |
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**\*Attach copy of score report**

**For Guidance Counselor use only**

**Qualifications Checklist for a Seal of Biliteracy:**

\_\_\_ Passed all required end-of-course English/Reading assessments at the proficient or higher level.

\_\_\_ Completed all graduation requirements for a standard or advanced studies diploma.

\_\_\_ Acceptable [evidence of proficiency](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/graduation/diploma_seals/seal_of_biliteracy/acceptable_evidence_of_proficiency.pdf) at the Intermediate-Mid or higher level in at least one language in addition to English.

Student awarded Seal of Biliteracy? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No