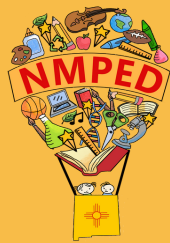


State Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy



WHAT IS THE STATE SEAL OF BILINGUALISM-BILITERACY (SSBB)?

The State Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy (SSBB) is an award given by a school district or charter school in recognition of students who, by high school graduation, demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English. The SSBB emblem is placed on the graduating senior's Diploma of Excellence (including a notation on the transcript). It encourages the pursuit of bilingualism-biliteracy, honors abilities attained from family, community, and school, and evinces language skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

You can earn the SSBB on your Diploma of Excellence by demonstrating proficiency in a language other than English, through one of the following options:

- (1) certification by an individual tribe/pueblo/nation
- (2) units of credit and an assessment
- (3) units of credit and an alternative process portfolio
- (4) an assessment and an alternative process portfolio

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The SSBB can help you:

- Represent your identity, language, and heritage: "I feel like the SSBB empowers you and reminds you where you came from." -New Mexico State Seal recipient
- Increase your chances of getting hired for a prestigious job, as bilingualism is considered a great advantage in the job market.
- Earn between 5-20% more money per hour than those who speak only one language.
- Meet the 21st Century's global society and job market.
- Strengthen your future: "One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way." -Frank Smith

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

Reach out to your school counselor. You can also learn more by visiting the link or by scanning the QR code:

webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/languageandculture/seal-of-bilingualism-biliteracy/

