

- In 2021, Preston High School was the first Catholic High School in New York State to offer the New York State Seal of Biliteracy to our advanced language learners.

- **Goals of the New York State Seal of Biliteracy:**

- The specific goals of the Seal of Biliteracy are to ensure that participants develop high levels of proficiency in their native language and in their second language, meet Common Core Learning Standards, and perform at or above grade level in academic areas. Students must also demonstrate proficiency on their assessments in their core subjects including English Language Arts, receive proper recognition from their home district based on their demonstrated linguistic skills, and develop as bilingual learners and future contributors to the workforce.

- **Requirements to earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy:**

1. **Complete all New York State requirements for a Regents diploma**
2. **Obtain 3 points in English** -

(1 point) - 80% or above on English Regents

- OR -

(1 point) 85% average in 11th and 12th grade English classes

(2 points) English Cumulative Project - Intermediate High level

3. **Obtain 3 points in Italian or Spanish**

(1 point) - 85% or above in Italian 4 /5 or Spanish 4 Native Speaker or Spanish 4 Non-Native Speaker

(2 points) - Italian or Spanish Cumulative Project - Intermediate High level

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- We are proud to share our progress with the New York State Seal of Biliteracy/Triliteracy at Preston High School:
- 2021 - 13 Italian, 2 Spanish; 1 Italian/Spanish
- 2022 - 32 Italian, 7 Italian/Spanish
- 2023 - 33 Italian, 14 Spanish, 4 Italian/Spanish; 1 Italian/Albanian
- 2024 - 23 Italian, 13 Spanish, 1 Italian/Spanish, 1 Greek
- 2025 - 18 Italian, 28 Spanish
- 2026 - Candidates -
- 32 Italian , 12 Spanish Native; 24 Spanish Non-Native; 1 Italian/Bulgarian; 1 Greek