Seal of Biliteracy

# What is it?

In today’s ever growing global market we are striving to provide accomplished candidates for more global jobs. To do this we need graduates with knowledge of more languages and cultures than their own. Colleges and employers are searching for candidates with bilingualism and biliteracy. Colleges have recognized Advanced Placement exams and often given credits to scores of 4 and above, reducing the overall cost of college. Similarly, the Seal of Biliteracy is a cost effective way to prove to anyone reading your transcripts that you are literate in more than one language. For our English Language Learner students this can be a valuable way to show your native language skills even if you are not in a foreign language class.

# How to achieve this award?

To achieve this new line on your transcripts you simply take and pass, with an Intermediate High level of Proficiency, the AAPPL exam in foreign language and a score of MEETS STANDARDS on the PSAE in grade 11 or above. If your foreign language is something other than Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian, or Spanish an alternative assessment is administered. The cost of the AAPPL is $20 for all 4 sections of the exam. Tools and resources are available on the AAPPL website to prepare students who are interested in taking the Demos. Please see <http://aappl.actfl.org/>

Mahomet-Seymour would like to celebrate those students who earn this award with special honor cords and mention in Senior Awards Night.

# Where and when do I sign up?

The AAPPL exam will be given Saturday, February 27th or April 2nd  at 9am at Mahomet-Seymour High School. The cost is 20$, and you are recommended to **bring headphones with a microphone on exam day**. Please fill in and detach the below portion and return it to any Foreign Language Instructor before February 10th if you are planning on taking the exam in February. Make checks payable to MSHS Spanish Club.

*Check the appropriate boxes for dates and language: February 27th □ April 2nd □*

*French □ Spanish □ German □ Russian □ Chinese □ Arabic □*

*Student’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Student ID \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Parent’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Parent Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Payment must be included.* ***Bring headphones with microphone on exam day****.*