

SEAL OF BILITERACY



To “recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in English and in one or more other foreign, or world, languages” (ISBE)

BENEFITS OF SEAL OF BILITERACY



**RECOGNITION
GOES ON STUDENT
HIGH SCHOOL
DIPLOMA AS WELL
AS TRANSCRIPT**



**SHOWS THAT
ILLINOIS
RECOGNIZES
STUDENT AS
PROFICIENT IN AT
LEAST 2
LANGUAGES**



**MANY COLLEGES
AND
UNIVERSITIES
OFFER COLLEGE
CREDIT (LIKE
WITH AP TESTS)**



**SENIOR
AWARDS
NIGHT
RECOGNITION**



**JOB AND
INTERNSHIP
APPLICATIONS
/ RESUMÉS**

CURRENT COLLEGE CREDIT AWARDED

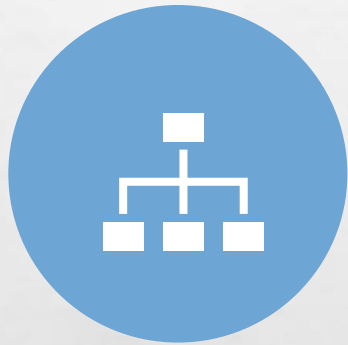
SCHOOL	SEAL OF BILITERACY	COMMENDATION
Eastern Illinois University	8 Credit hours	
Illinois State University	2 semesters (8 credits)	
Northeastern Illinois University	6 credit hours	
Northern Illinois University	12 credit hours	9 credit hours
Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville)	16 credit hours	
University of Illinois Chicago	4 semesters	
University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign	8 credit hours	
Western Illinois University	14 credit hours	
College of DuPage	8 credit hours	4 credit hours
Waubonsee Community College	12 credit hours	

TEST TO EARN SEAL OF BILITERACY

- **TESTS PROFICIENCY IN READING, WRITING, LISTENING, AND SPEAKING**
- **TAKEN ON THE COMPUTER**
- **WILL BE TAKEN THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH IN CLASS WITH RETAKES APRIL 15 AND 17 AFTER SCHOOL**



QUALIFICATIONS TO TEST FOR SEAL OF BILITERACY



JUNIOR OR SENIOR
-LEVEL 4 OR 5 IN GHS LANGUAGE CLASS
-HERITAGE SPEAKER THAT WOULD LIKE TO TEST IN HOME LANGUAGE



480 ELA SCORE FOR SAT OR 21 COMPOSITE SCORE ON ACT
-IF THIS IS NOT MET, STUDENTS CAN TEST IN ENGLISH WITH AVANT ALSO

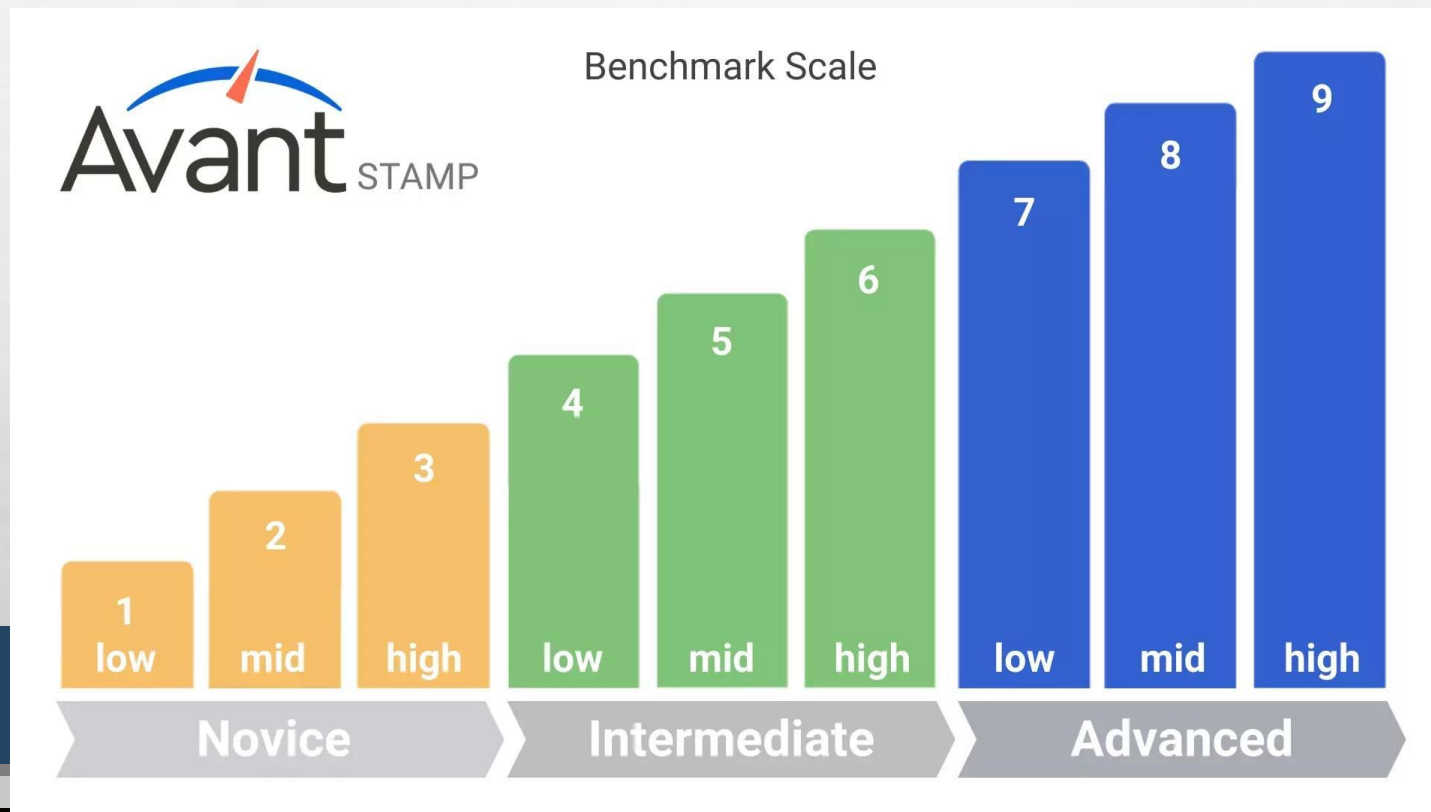


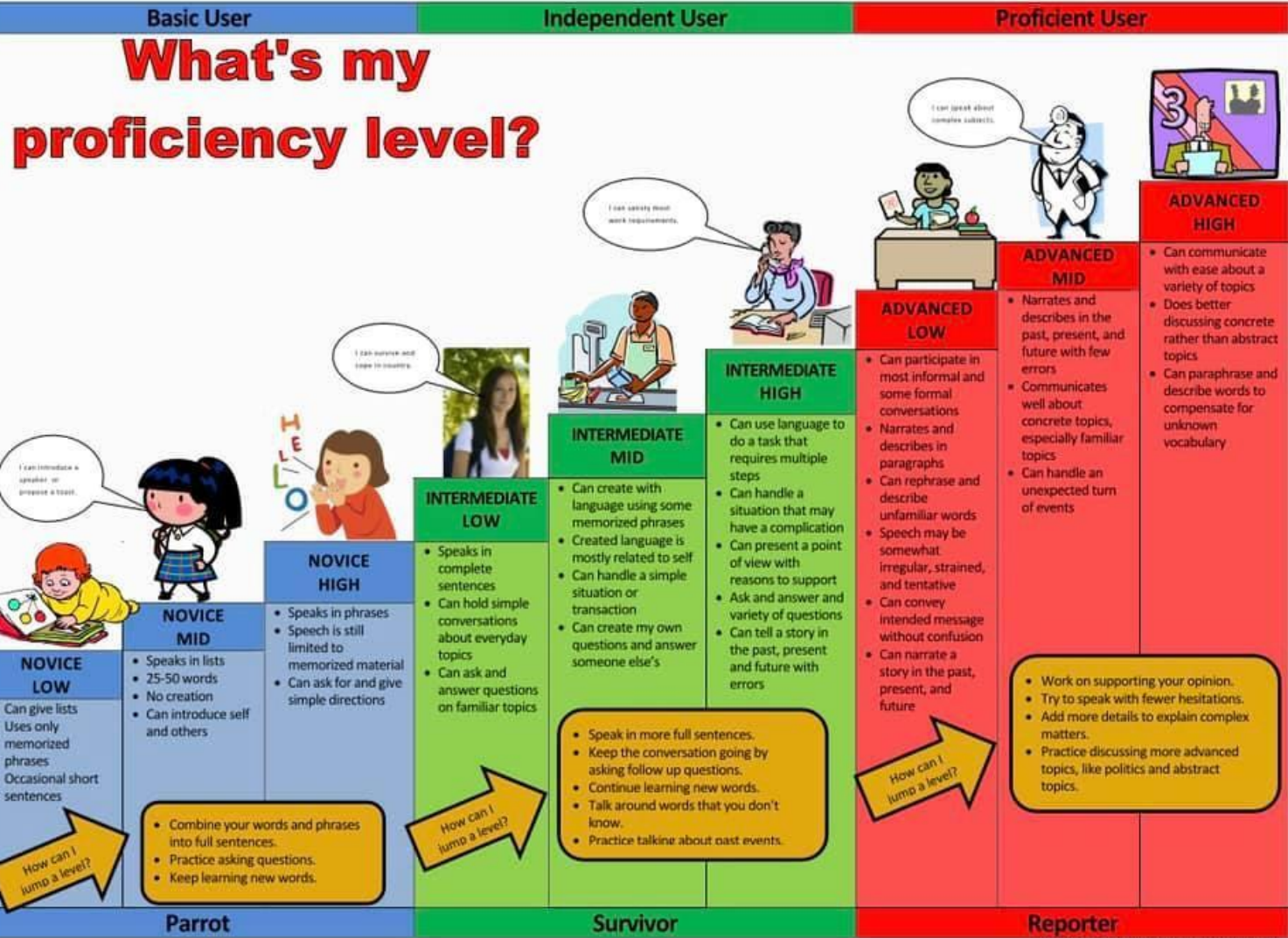
COST: \$30

WHAT DO STUDENTS NEED?

• **6 OR HIGHER FOR SEAL**

4 OR HIGHER FOR COMMENDATION





TOPICS ASSOCIATED WITH BENCHMARKS FOR READING AND LISTENING

INTERMEDIATE

- Health
- Holidays/Celebrations
- Occupations/Professions
- Transportation Travel/Vacations
- Future plans
- Culture
- Contemporary Issues
 - Current events
 - Economics
 - Literature
 - Science
 - Social Science
 - History
- *Plus more in-depth aspects of Novice topics*

Students who are reading or listening at Intermediate proficiency are characterized by:

- In reading, ability to understand the main ideas and explicit detail in everyday language
- Ability to use language knowledge to understand information in everyday materials
- Can follow short conversations and announcements on common topics and answer questions about the main idea and explicitly stated details

LET'S HEAR FROM STUDENTS...

- Lucia Loscavo (French)
- Olivia Bogacz (Polish and Spanish)
- Hailey Jennings (Spanish)
- Evan Swierczewski (Spanish)
- Peri Sweeney (Spanish)
- Fiona Turnbull (Spanish)
- Elle Larsen (Spanish)
- Sophia Heins- Cuevas (Spanish)

DATA FROM LAST YEAR

78 current students had earned the Seal of Biliteracy by the end of 2024

- 35 of these were juniors in 2024
- 43 of these were seniors (9 earned it in 2023, and 34 in 2024)

153 current students had earned the Commendation by the end of 2024

- 81 of these students were juniors in 2024
- 72 of these students were seniors (37 earned it in 2023, 35 newly earned in 2024)

DATA FROM STUDENTS TESTING LAST YEAR

Seal of Biliteracy

French (4)

German (2)

Polish (3)

Spanish (61)

Commendation of Biliteracy

French (12)

German (10)

Spanish (125)

TESTS ORDERED THIS YEAR

- English- 3
- French- 23
- German- 17
- Hindi- 1
- Italian- 2
- Polish- 2
- Portuguese- 1
- Spanish- 179



¡GRACIAS! MERCI! DANKE!