

Heritage Speakers

The WA State Seal of Biliteracy

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Over 9,000 Seals of Biliteracy Earned Since 2015



World Languages: Seal of Biliteracy

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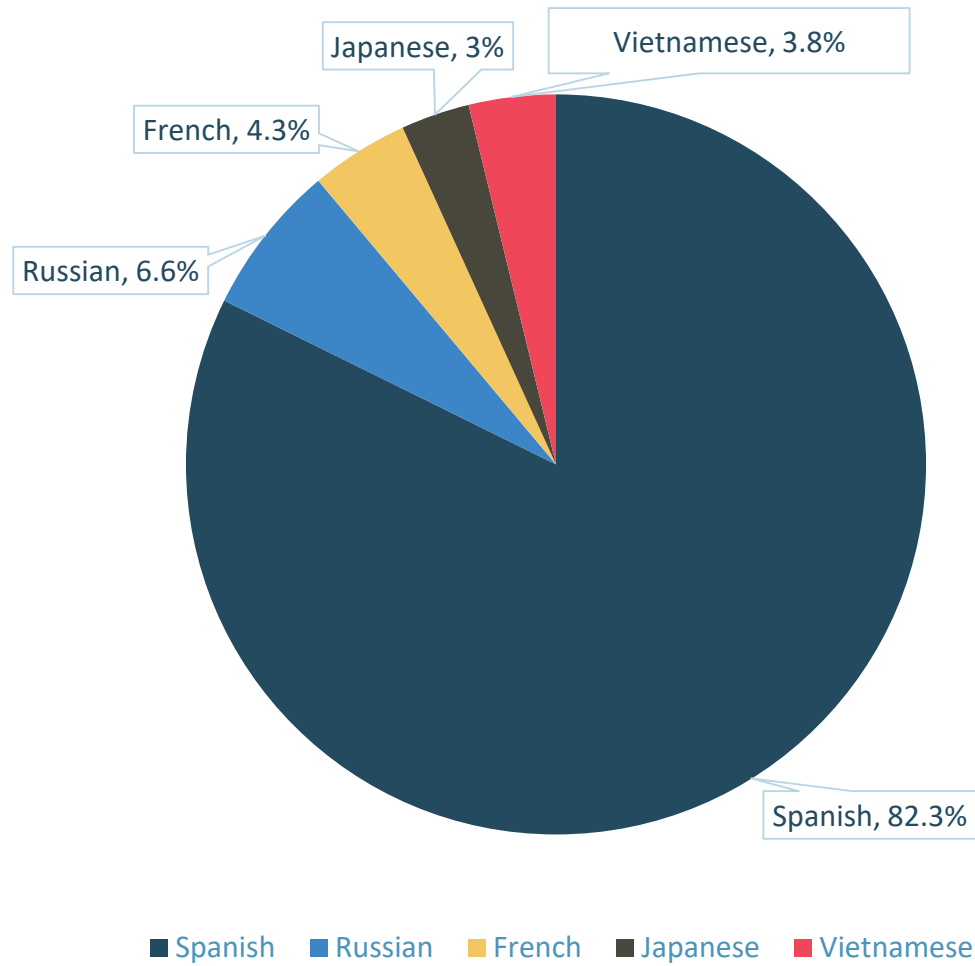
Year 5 of Implementation: 2019-2020

Current Data: School Year 2019

- ❑ SY 2019: 3,097 Seals awarded.
Up 57% over 2018!
- ❑ SY 2019: 98 Districts participated.
Up 21% over 2018!
- ❑ Past 4 Years: 9,505 Seals awarded.



Top Five World Languages Tested



TOTAL 2019 Seals Earned: 3,097

Top 5 Languages Tested	Student Count	Percent
Spanish	1,969	82.3%
Russian	138	6.6%
French	115	4.3%
Vietnamese	101	3.8%
Japanese	83	3.0%
Total	2,406	100%



Other Languages Tested: Top Five

Language	Amount of Students	Percentage
Tagalog	64 students	9.3%
Chinese – Unspecified	60 students	8.7%
Chinese – Mandarin	59 students	8.5%
Korean	54 students	7.8%
German	40 students	5.8%
Arabic	38 students	5.5%



Other Languages Tested

Languages	Percentage Represented in “Other”
Tagalog, Chinese-Unspecified, Chinese-Mandarin, Korean	7-9%
German, Arabic, Amharic, Somali	5-6%
Punjabi, Ukrainian, Swahili	3-4%
Turkish, Portuguese, Rumanian	2%
Samoan, Tingrinya, Chinese-Cantonese, Italian, Urdu, American Sign Language (ASL), Hindi, Farsi	1%
Hebrew-Modern, Finnish, Nepali, Oromo, Twi, Dutch, Bulgarian, Cambodian, Dari, Bosnian, Lao, Marshallese, Serbian, Polish, Swedish, Tedim, Burmese, Bengali, Danish, Indonesian, Karen, Hmong, Hungarian, Icelandic (old), Ilokano, Fula, Kinyarwanda, Krio, Chungki/Chunkese, Czech, Cebuano, Chin, Afrikaans, Telugu, Tongan, Wolof, Norwegian, Serbo-Croatian, Slovenian, Moldavian, Malayalam, Pashto, Persian, Pilipino/Filipino	Less than 1%
	Total of 691 students tested



Statewide Focus for Improvement: SY '19

Migrant Students Earning Seal
Up 27% over 2018!

ELLs (Heritage Speakers) earning the Seal in 2019:
24% of Total Earned

**ELL & World Language Staff Help Coordinate Testing
& Identify Migrant Students Early On!**



What Can Districts Do to Initiate a WA State Seal of Biliteracy?

- 1. OSPI** provides statewide [Seal of Biliteracy](#) guidance
 - Approved Testing resources
 - “Step-by-Step” instructions for Districts, Parents, and Students
 - *Outreach to Districts*
- 2. WAFLT** provides assessment support: [WAFLT](#)
 - Custom Testing
 - Medallions
 - Advocacy



Where Can You Learn More about the WA State Seal of Biliteracy?

OSPI: WA State Seal of Biliteracy & Competency Testing, contact:
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WAFLT: Custom Testing in languages not widely tested in the USA, contact:
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