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
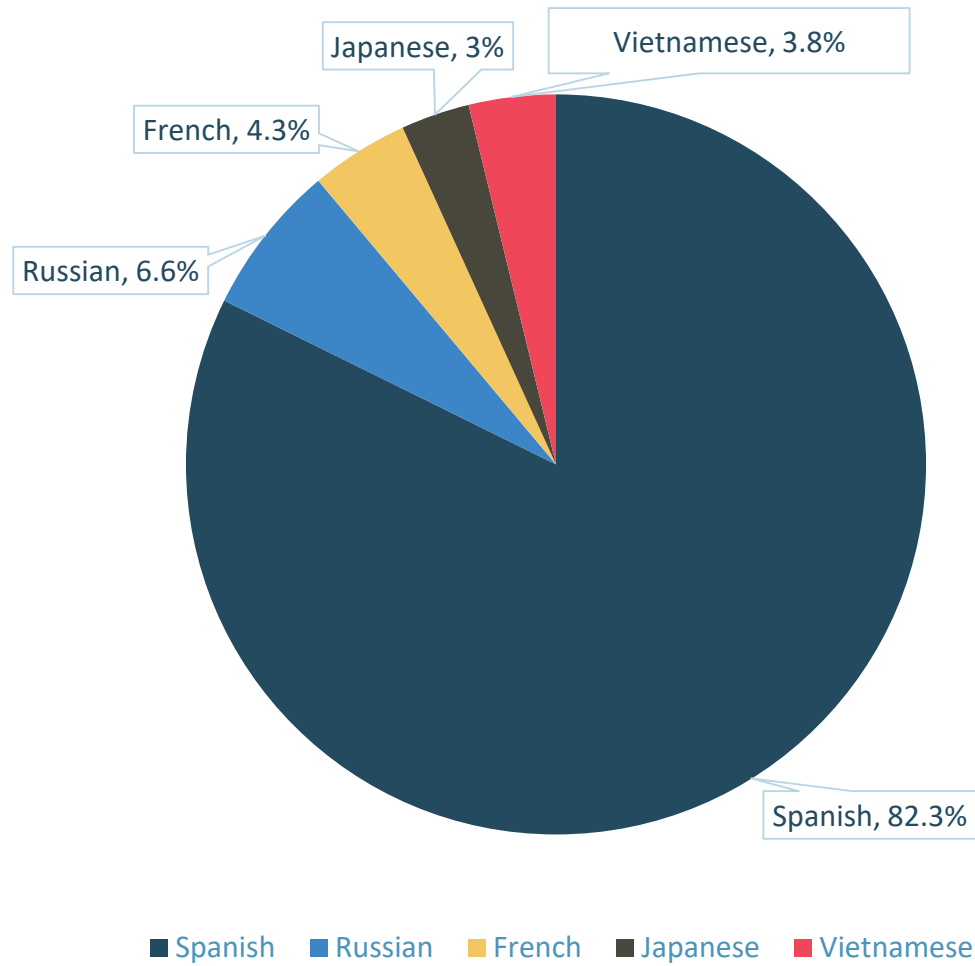## WAC 392-410-350
Year 5 of Implementation: 2019-2020

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

Tagalog
Chinese-Unspecified
Chinese-Mandarin
Korean
German
Arabic
Amharic
Somali
Punjabi
Ukrainian
Swahili
Turkish
Portuguese
Rumanian
Samoan
Tigrinya
Chinese-Cantonese
Italian
Urdu
American Sign Language
Hindi
Farsi
Hebrew, Modern
Finnish
Nepali
Oromo

Twi
Dutch
Bulgarian
Cambodian
Dari
Bosnian
Lao
Marshallese
Serbian
Polish
Swedish
Tedim
Burmese
Bengali
Danish
Indonesian
Karen
Hmong
Thai
Hungarian
Icelandic (Old)
Ilokano
Fula
Kinyarwanda
Krio
Kurdish

Chungki/Chunkese
Czech
Cebuano
Chin
Afrikaans
Telugu
Tongan
Wolof
Norwegian
Serbo-Croation
Slovenian
Moldavian
Malayalam
Pashto
Persian
Pilipino/Filipino

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-Croation, 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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