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Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy Committee

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Arkansas' Students "Seal" Future with Biliteracy

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Congratulations to the **456** Arkansas students from the high schools listed on the following page. In the largest, most diverse application season to date, these students have earned the Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy for demonstrating proficiency in English and one or more other languages by high school graduation.

Adopted first by California in 2011, the Seal of Biliteracy is now recognized in 42 states and Washington D.C. According to the official website, "the Seal of Biliteracy encourages students to pursue biliteracy, honors the skills our students attain, and can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices." Since the 2017 pilot year in Arkansas a total of **2,124** students from **62** high schools around the state have attained this certification across **sixteen** languages other than English (Arabic, Chinese, Filipino, French, German, Gujarati, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Marshallese, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese).

The Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy is awarded each spring and fall to students in grades 9 through 12 and is sponsored by the Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association (AFLTA) and the Arkansas Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (ARKTESOL). The Arkansas Department of Education officially endorsed the Seal in June 2018.

If you would like more information or would like to implement the Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy in your school or district, please contact the Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy Committee at ARBiliteracy@gmail.com.

(Spring 2021 results on pages 2-4)



Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy Spring 2021 Results

District	District Total	School	School Total	Languages
Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts	15	ASMSA**	15	Chinese: 1 French: 4 French & Japanese: 1 French, German & Spanish: 1 Hindi: 1 Japanese & Spanish: 1 Korean: 1 Spanish: 5
Bentonville Schools	25	Bentonville High School	17	Chinese: 2 French: 2 Korean: 1 Spanish: 12
		Bentonville West High School	8	Chinese: 1 Spanish: 7
Berryville Public Schools	3	Berryville High School	3	Spanish: 3
Bryant Public Schools	23	Bryant High School	23	Arabic: 1 Spanish: 22
Cabot Public Schools	19	Cabot High School	19	French: 1 German: 1 Korean: 1 Portuguese & Spanish: 1 Spanish: 15
Centerpoint Public Schools	6	Centerpoint High School	6	Spanish: 6
Clarksville Public Schools	10	Clarksville High School	10	Spanish: 10
Dardanelle Public Schools	21	Dardanelle High School	21	Spanish: 21
DeQueen Public Schools	23	DeQueen High School	23	Spanish: 23
Fayetteville Public Schools	12	Fayetteville High School	12	Chinese: 1 German: 1 Spanish: 10
Ft. Smith School District	50	Northside High School	14	Spanish: 14
		Southside High School**	36	Arabic: 3 Filipino: 1 French: 1 German: 3 Korean: 1 Spanish: 22 Vietnamese: 5

District	District Total	School	School Total	Languages
Heber Springs Schools	1	Heber Springs High School*	1	Spanish: 1
Hot Springs School District	12	Hot Springs World Class High School	12	French: 1 Spanish: 11
Jessieville School District	1	Jessieville High School*	1	Spanish: 1
Kirby Public Schools	2	Kirby High School*	2	Spanish: 2
Lake Hamilton School District	7	Lake Hamilton High School	7	Romanian: 1 Spanish: 6
Little Rock School District	5	Little Rock Central High School	1	Chinese: 1
		North Little Rock High School	4	Spanish: 4
Malvern School District	8	Malvern High School	8	Filipino: 1 Spanish: 7
South Conway County School District	6	Morrilton High School	6	Spanish: 6
Prairie Grove School District	1	Prairie Grove High School	1	Spanish: 1
Rogers Public Schools	49	Rogers Heritage High School	24	French: 2 Spanish: 22
		Rogers High School	22	French: 1 Spanish: 21
		Rogers New Technology High School	3	Spanish: 3
Russellville School District	3	Russellville High School	3	Spanish: 3
Searcy Public Schools	21	Searcy High School	21	French: 1 French & Spanish: 1 Spanish: 19
Springdale Public Schools***	108	Don Tyson School of Innovation	17	Filipino: 1 Spanish: 16
		Har-Ber High School	59	French: 3 Marshallese: 3 Spanish: 53
		Springdale High School	32	Marshallese: 3 Spanish: 29
Star City School District	1	Star City High School	1	Spanish: 1

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Westside Consolidated School District	1	Westside High School*	1	Spanish: 1
Home, Charter, Private, or Virtual Schools	23	Episcopal Collegiate School	1	French: 1
		Gentry High School Conversion Charter*	1	Spanish: 1
		Haas Hall Academy at the Lane in Rogers	1	Spanish: 1
		Haas Hall Academy at the Jones Center in Springdale	1	Spanish: 1
		Pulaski Academy	19	French: 6 Spanish: 13

* **Five** high schools have first-time recipients this season

** Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts and Southside High School have the most diverse representation of languages this season (**seven** languages other than English)

*** Springdale Public Schools has the most certified students to date (**764** total)