

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians of MTPS Seniors:

We are very pleased to share that Middletown Township will again be participating in the New Jersey Department of Education's Seal of Biliteracy program, which recognizes graduating high school students who are able to demonstrate a high level of proficiency in one or more world languages in addition to English. The Seal of Biliteracy includes a certificate prepared by the N.J. Department of Education, as well as a seal/image on the official transcript. In addition to honoring the multiple cultures and languages of our community, the Seal opens up opportunities for those pursuing higher education or joining the workforce. As the world increasingly becomes more globally connected, the need for employees with bilingual, multilingual, and cross-cultural skills also increases.

Students can earn a *New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy* by:

1. Demonstrating the targeted proficiency level of "Intermediate Mid" on an approved language assessment in a language other than English and;
2. Demonstrating proficiency in English by meeting the N.J. English Language Arts graduation requirements or attaining the appropriate cut score on the ACCESS for ELLs assessment (for English Language Learners)



Our 12th grade students are invited to self-nominate by completing the online form linked here <https://forms.gle/FNz5ayfdSjA6SgLj6> using their school email address. The language assessment will be offered in December/January for Seniors. Languages available are: Arabic, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Russian, and Spanish. The assessment will cost no more than \$20 and take approximately 2 to 3 hours during the school day. Please complete the form by Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at 732-706-6111 ext. 2119 if you have any questions regarding this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,
Carey Albanese
Assistant Principal
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