



Promote the Seal of Bilingualism and Pathway Awards with LAS Links



Support bilingual students with the Seal of Bilingualism and Pathway Awards! Utilize LAS Links Español as a standardized assessment instrument to show evidence of fluency in Spanish.

The Seal of Bilingualism

The Seal of Bilingualism is an award given by a school, district, or state office of education in recognition of students who have attained proficiency in English and one or more additional languages by high school graduation. The recognition of attaining bilingualism becomes part of the high school transcript and diploma for these students. The Seal serves to certify attainment of bilingualism for students, employers, and universities. It is a statement of accomplishment that helps to signal evidence of a student's readiness for career and college, and for engagement as a global citizen.

Pathway Awards

The Pathway Award or "Bilingual Service and Participation Award (BSPA)" serves to recognize an emerging bilingual student who is not enrolled in a bilingual or dual language program. The award encourages students to demonstrate age-appropriate language proficiency and positive attitudes towards bilingualism and its benefits and continue on the path toward achieving the Seal of Bilingualism.

Why Implement it?

The Seal of Bilingualism encourages students to pursue bilingualism, honors the skills our students attain, and can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices.

Who Awards the Seal?

The Seal of Bilingualism can be awarded by school districts or states; however, individual school sites or school programs may also decide to implement the award.

What Can the Seal of Bilingualism Do for Language Learners?

The Seal of Bilingualism is established to recognize and reward excellence in language learning as measured by rigorous language proficiency assessments.

LAS Links as a Measure of Bilingualism

LAS Links is a language proficiency assessment approved in many states' and districts' guidance as a tool for awarding the Seal of Bilingualism and Pathway Awards. Specifically, LAS Links Español provides evidence of Spanish language proficiency for both native and non-native speakers of Spanish in all four language domains (speaking, listening, reading, and writing). LAS Links also offers English language proficiency assessments, which can be used to measure whether English learners meet state- or district-specific criteria for earning Pathway Awards and the Seal of Bilingualism.

To learn more about how LAS Links supports the Seal of Bilingualism and Pathway Awards, please visit LASLinks.com or call DRC at 800.538.9547.

