

Dear Parents and Students,

I am pleased to inform you that the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District is participating in the New Jersey Department of Education's [Seal of Biliteracy Program](#), which recognizes high school students who have attained a level of proficiency in both English and another language. Students are recognized for this accomplishment with a State Seal of Biliteracy Certificate and a seal placed on the student's transcript. This can be used to showcase a student's dedication and commitment to attaining a bilingual (or multilingual) achievement.

Eleventh grade students who are currently enrolled in a **Level 4 Honors** or **AP Class** are invited to participate in proficiency testing ([STAMP Language Test](#)) in Chinese, French, Italian, or Spanish. Students who are interested in taking the STAMP test can [sign up here](#) using their school email address / Google account by **May 10, 2019**. Testing will be administered on June 4th (periods 1 - 3) and (periods 7-9) and June 5th (periods 1 - 3) and (periods 7-9). The students will be provided with a schedule.

To learn more about the STAMP test and the Seal of Biliteracy, please see the following links:

- Sample tests are available online (<https://avantassessment.com/sample-tests/>) in the different languages.
- STAMP Test Taker Guide: <https://avantassessment.com/stamp4s/test-taker-guide>
- STAMP Test Benchmarks and Rubrics - <https://avantassessment.com/stamp4s/benchmarks-rubric-guide>
- STAMP Test FAQ - <https://avantassessment.com/stamp4s/frequently-asked-questions>
- NJ DOE Seal of Biliteracy FAQ - <https://www.state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/wl/biliteracy/faq.htm>

Students can earn the Seal of Biliteracy certificate and transcript seal by:

- Demonstrating a proficiency level of [Intermediate Mid](#) in a World Language, **and**
  - Demonstrating proficiency in English on the State ELA Assessment or its alternatives (in English)
- or**
- A score of 4 or better on Tier B or C of the Access for ELLs 2.0 in all four language domains (in junior year of high school).

For additional information or to arrange for a proficiency test in a language other than Chinese, French, Italian or Spanish, please contact me directly.

Thank you,

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