

DESE has **temporarily** revised the Seal of Biliteracy English and Language Other Than English (LOTE) requirements for seniors meeting high school graduation requirements in spring 2020. See below for the revised criteria:

<b>2020 Temporary Revisions</b>		
Criteria	Seal of Biliteracy	Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy
<b>English – Only 1 Required</b>		
English II GPA	3.0	3.5
ACCESS	4.0	4.7
<b>LOTE</b>		
Test-at-home options available through STAMP, AAPPL, ILT, or ALIRA	Same criteria required before 2020	Same criteria required before 2020

Students who have met the requirements for earning the Seal of Biliteracy before the temporary revision may be awarded the Seal following the non-revised criteria.

The socio-cultural component is still a requirement of the award as per your submitted application. Criteria may need to be revised to allow students to do virtual presentations. Current situations could lend themselves to many opportunities for the students to assist the community virtually and fulfill this requirement.

Districts may continue to use current portfolio criteria for languages or areas not supported by testing and should be evaluated using ACTFL or WIDA performance descriptors. Districts are responsible for finding competent assessors for the portfolios. Students may accomplish this virtually.

In the event that a district is unable to implement the Seal of Biliteracy award this year under the revised criteria, the district may extend the testing window for the class of 2020 for one year beyond graduation.