



## **New York State Seal of Biliteracy**

### **Why should I apply for the Seal of Biliteracy?**

Employers and colleges are looking for bilingual applicants. The seal enhances applications for jobs, grants or scholarships. This distinction also prepares you for 21st Century careers.

### **Who can apply for the Seal of Biliteracy?**

The New York State Seal of Biliteracy is intended for all students who are proficient in English and any other language, including American Sign Language.

### **How do students apply for the Seal of Biliteracy?**

Applications are available in the high school counseling office. The Seal of Biliteracy Committee will review applications and then assign an advisor to eligible students.

### **When should students apply?**

Students can apply in their junior or senior year of high school. Most students apply early in their senior year. Applications must be received by the school counseling office no later than December 1, 2021.

### **Who will help students with the process after they apply for the NYSSB?**

Once the application is approved, each student will be assigned an advisor that will meet with the student and help to develop a plan and a timeline.

### **Who can I contact for more information?**

Students who are taking Spanish or French at Marcellus High School can talk to their LOTE teacher for more information.