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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Hershel Lyons

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SUBJECT: Requirements for the Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program

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On February 16, 2017, the State Board of Education passed Rule 6A-1.09951, F.A.C., Requirements for the Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program, and amended Rule 6A-1.0995, F.A.C., Form of High School Diplomas and Certificates of Completion.

The Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program is established to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in one or more foreign languages, in addition to English, by the award of a silver or gold seal on a standard high school diploma. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the Gold Seal of Biliteracy or the Silver Seal of Biliteracy shall be awarded to high school students who have earned a standard high school diploma and who have satisfied criteria for eligibility delineated in [Rule 6A-1.09951](#), F.A.C. Additionally, the rule outlines criteria for the award of credit and procedures for the seal.

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, a school district must affix the Florida Seal of Biliteracy to a student's standard diploma when a student is awarded the Gold Seal of Biliteracy, the Silver Seal of Biliteracy or both. Both the gold and silver seals are available [here](#). The insignia may be printed digitally on a student's standard diploma using gold ink for the Gold Seal of Biliteracy and silver ink for the Silver Seal of Biliteracy or may be affixed as a seal using a Gold Seal of Biliteracy or Silver Seal of Biliteracy. For further information, refer to [Rule 6A-1.0995](#), F.A.C.

School district appointed personnel may evaluate a student's demonstrated competency in a world language and recommend recording course credits in the academic history based on courses provided in the [Florida Course Code Directory](#) (CCD). For world languages that are not listed in the CCD for grades 9-12, eight transfer numbers are provided. The first number in world language (0700980) is to be used to report the first year of a language not listed in the CCD, such as Hungarian; the second world language number (0700990) to list a second year of the same language; the third world language number (0701980) to list the third year of the same language; and the fourth number (0701990), the fourth year of the same language. The additional four course numbers (0702980, 0702990, 0703980 and 0703990) are provided for up to four credits in an additional world language.

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Examples:	Hungarian I	=	0700980	(World Languages Transfer I)
	Hungarian II	=	0700990	(World Languages Transfer II)
	Hungarian III	=	0701980	(World Languages Transfer III)
	Hungarian IV	=	0701990	(World Languages Transfer IV)
	Slovak I	=	0702980	(World Languages Transfer V)
	Slovak II	=	0702990	(World Languages Transfer VI)
	Slovak III	=	0703980	(World Languages Transfer VII)
	Slovak IV	=	0703990	(World Languages Transfer VIII)

The following course waiver can be applied when a student shows proficiency to the second level in a language other than English through documentation provided at the local level, without enrolling in or taking a course: World Language Waiver, 0791920.

For a student who graduates in the 2016-2017 school year or later and meets the requirements for a Seal of Biliteracy, information related to the applicable codes may be located in field 70 in the I/S01 – demographic section of the Florida Automated Student Transfer of Educational Records (FASTER) User Manual located at <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/faster/man11617/index.htm>. The following codes are applicable:

- “G” – Gold Seal of Biliteracy – student has met the requirements pursuant to s. 1003.432(4), Florida Statutes (F.S.), in order to earn a Gold Seal of Biliteracy on the standard diploma and a designation on the student transcript.
- “S” – Silver Seal of Biliteracy – student has met the requirements pursuant to s. 1003.432(4), F.S., in order to earn a Silver Seal of Biliteracy on the standard diploma and a designation on the student transcript.
- “B” – Both Gold Seal of Biliteracy and Silver Seal of Biliteracy – student has met the requirements pursuant to s. 1003.432, F.S., as applicable, in order to earn both designations.
- “Z” – Not applicable.

The Diploma Biliteracy Seal Designation data element (197267) in the [PK-12 Database Manuals](#) Student Information System is defined as an indicator to designate that a student has earned a standard diploma the Gold Seal of Biliteracy, the Silver Seal of Biliteracy or both. This seal is signified on the standard diploma and designated on the student transcript.

The following codes are applicable:

- “G” – Gold Seal of Biliteracy requirements were met.
- “S” – Silver Seal of Biliteracy requirements were met.
- “B” – Both Gold Seal of Biliteracy and Silver Seal of Biliteracy requirements were met.
- “Z” – Not applicable.

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The Cumulative Summary page of the high school printed transcript will reflect the following line(s) depending on the applicable code added in the field 70 in the I/S01 – demographic section of the FASTER User Manual.

Seal of Biliteracy: GOLD

Seal of Biliteracy: SILVER

Seal of Biliteracy: GOLD AND SILVER

Thank you for your hard work to ensure the academic success of all Florida students.

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