

# Let's Bring the Seal of Biliteracy to Wyoming!

## YEAR II

WYOMING SEAL TEAM



# Our goals for today:

- ❑ Review last year's decisions on the Seal of Biliteracy.
- ❑ Update WFLTA membership on the current work of the Seal Team.
- ❑ Discuss and make decisions about qualifying tests, results reporting, and future steps.
- ❑ Possibly come away with a new tool or strategy you can use in your classroom.

# What happened at WFLTA last year?



- ❖ Learned about the Seal of Biliteracy and its prequel award, the Pathway to Biliteracy
- ❖ Shared information and resources that CY Middle School has used to award the Pathway to Biliteracy award in May 2017
- ❖ Voted unanimously to pursue a Wyoming Seal of Biliteracy
- ❖ Volunteers began forming a task force to keep progressing forward.
  - Who are we?

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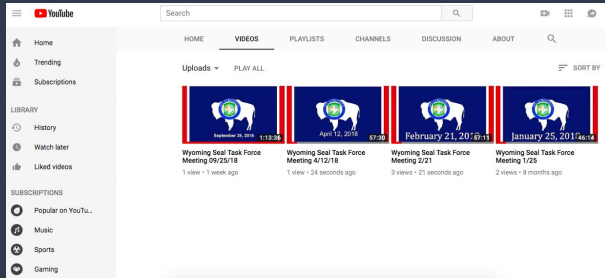
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# What has happened since last year's conference?

Wyoming's teachers have been busy!  
Let's see what they have done...



We're on YouTube!

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUOmI\\_gkodNhGoL4-A1mHvqA/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUOmI_gkodNhGoL4-A1mHvqA/videos)

- **Task Force (Seal Team)**
  - Arranged for discounted testing
    - STAMP 4s
  - Started gathering letters of support
    - Administrators
    - Post-secondary educators
    - Business people
  - Started development of a resource packet for schools
  - Explored avenues that could lead to an official statewide award

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CYMS 2018 Pathway Award winners

- **Laramie County School District**
  - Awarded 5 Seal of Biliteracy awards
    - Have some growing pains for us to learn from
  
- **Natrona County School District**
  - CY Middle School awarded 11 Pathway to Biliteracy awards (2 languages!)

# The Seal of Biliteracy

- Students demonstrate high levels of proficiency in all modes of communication in two languages.
- Presented by schools, districts, or states and appears on students' transcripts or diplomas
- Elementary or middle level Pathway Award shows students working toward proficiency

# Why is the Seal of Biliteracy important in Wyoming?

- Recognize and praise students' dedication to language learning
- Value diversity
- Promote language learning
- Assist employers identifying bilingual employees
- Help students earn college credit for language proficiency
- Allow colleges and universities to correctly place and provide credit to students
- Statewide - doesn't vary by district
- Internationally recognizable on students' transcripts

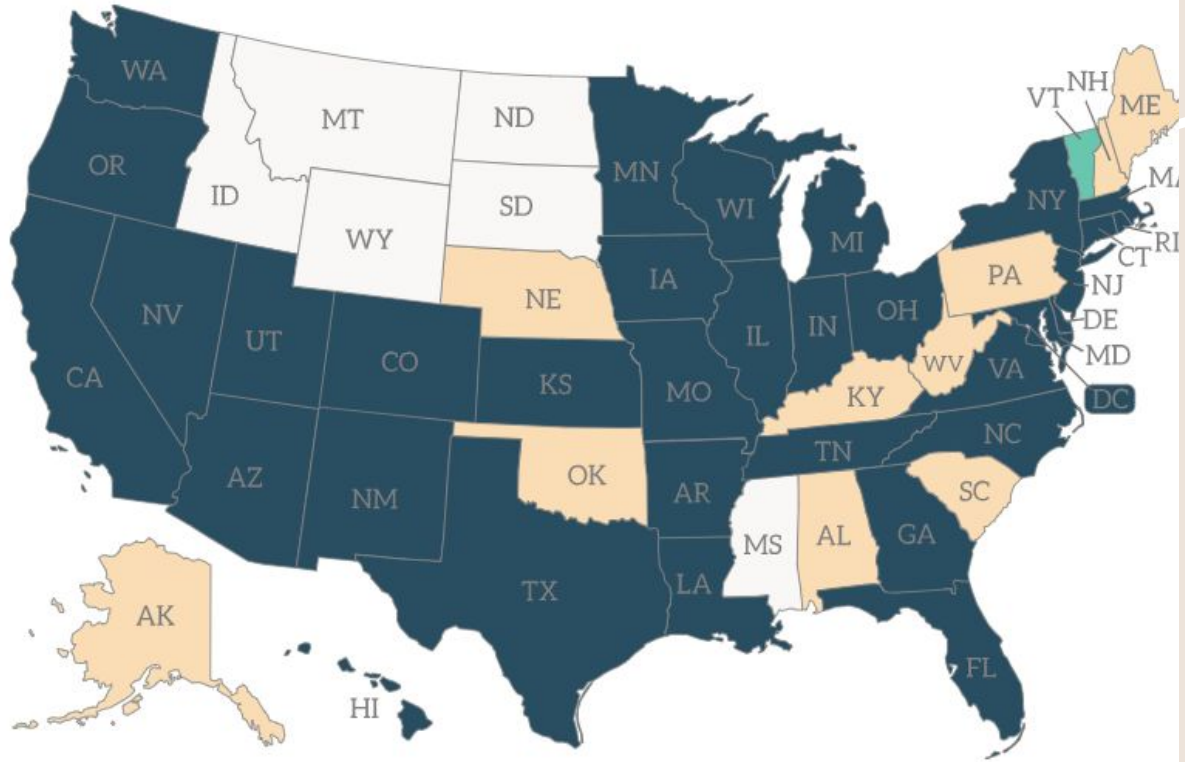


# The SEAL Nationwide

33 states and  
Washington D.C.  
have adopted a  
state Seal.  
(6 added since  
WFLTA '17)

## State Laws Regarding The Seal Of Biliteracy

● Approved State Seal ● Under Consideration ● Early Stages ● No Seal of Biliteracy, Yet!



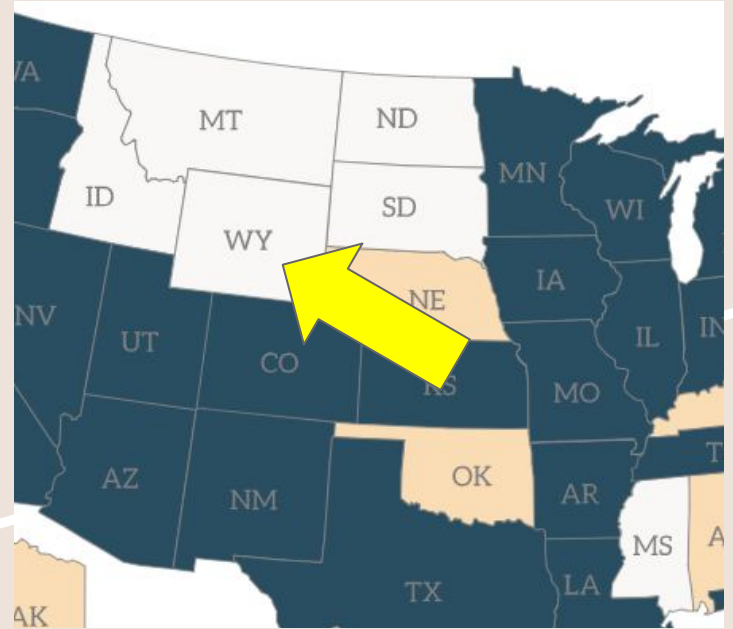
# Wyoming needs you!

We have been trying to get our state recognized for being in the “Early Stages”, but without luck.

Seal of Biliteracy on **facebook**

@BiliteracySeal on **twitter**

[info@sealofbiliteracy.org](mailto:info@sealofbiliteracy.org)



[Seal Website](#)

# How does a student earn the Seal of Biliteracy in Wyoming?

## Determined last year:

- English-
  - Proficient
    - Need to perfect testing requirements
- Second language
  - Intermediate Mid
    - All communicative modes
    - Possible tests
      - AAPPL
      - STAMP 4s
      - AP
      - IB

# Testing trials and tribulations... let's chat!

## Language other than English

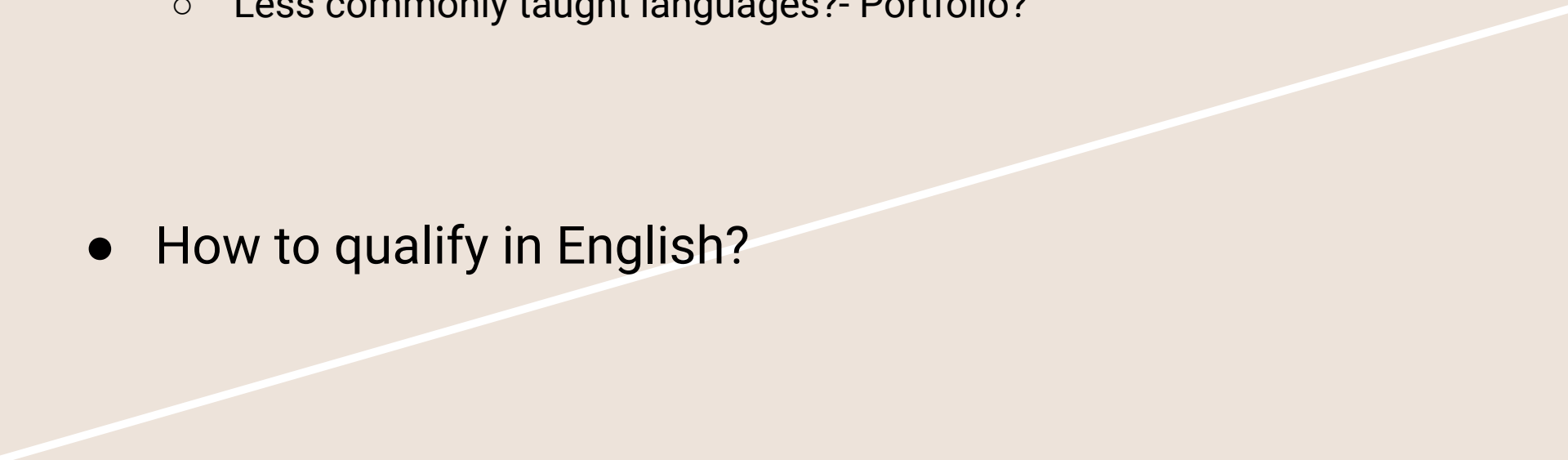
- Test requirements
  - proficiency based
  - reasonably priced or already administered
- What has worked? What has not worked?
  - -STAMP 4s
  - AAPPL
  - International Baccalaureate (IB)
  - Advanced Placement (AP)

# Assessment discussions continue ad infinitum

## English

- Laramie County's experience
  - Heritage and native speakers at a disadvantage with ACT
- Other options:
  - WY-TOPP
    - 667 scaled score is Grade 10= proficient
    - Last offered Grade 10
  - WIDA-ACCESS
    - 4.6 Composite score = proficient
  - Others?

# Solutions?

- How to qualify in language other than English?
    - Less commonly taught languages?- Portfolio?
  
  - How to qualify in English?
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# Next steps for state Seal?

- Options for state level recognition
  - Through legislation
    - Requires a bill, sponsors in House and Senate, legislative committee work, lots of voting, Governor's signature
  - Through the State Board of Education
    - Need to get on agenda,
    - Possible data storage

# What is the roadblock?

There are a lot of reasons that a school may have when they choose to not offer the Seal of Biliteracy.

- What made it hard for your school?
- What is preventing your school?

What can we do to help?



# Starter Package

Take it to your home schools  
and show it to your  
administrators.

Implementing the Seal or the  
Pathway to Biliteracy made  
easy!

What is a starter package?

This package will contain a variety of handouts in order to explain the main ideas around the Seal of Biliteracy.

It is there to help you, implement the Seal or Pathway to Biliteracy in your school.

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## What's in it?

- Visual explanation for teachers and administrators
- Handout for students: What's in it for me?
- Templates: Letter to donors and letter to parents
- Template of certificates:
  - Seal of Biliteracy
  - Pathway to Biliteracy
- Testimonials
- The value of a state Seal of Biliteracy explained in 5 minutes
- STICKERS!

It's QUIZIZZ time!

It's time to play! Get  
out your devices!

Go to:  
[quizizz.com/join](https://quizizz.com/join)



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# Today's decisions and progress

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sxzu6V9bKkQCUE8AeTa-FGp7F-BH5E9W8u1MPnBsJRc/edit>

❖ English proficiency:

❖ Other language proficiency:

- Many tests that were administered had issues
- Consider STAMP and AAPPL as tests and analyze scores

❖ How to pursue Seal of Biliteracy:

# Wyoming State Seal of Biliteracy



**Make it a reality!**