



# NYS Seal of Biliteracy Capital Region 2021-22



The New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) recognizes students from district, charter, and non-public schools who have attained a **high level of proficiency in two or more world languages** (one of which must be English) by high school graduation. It acknowledges the importance of biliteracy in today's global society.



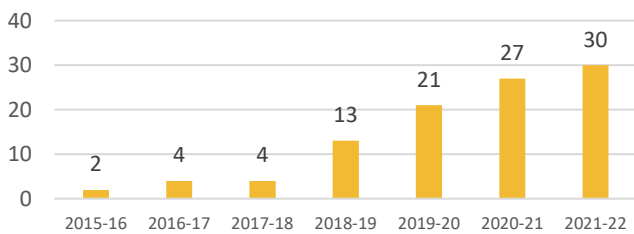
The intent of the NYSSB is to:

- affirm the value of diversity in a multilingual society;
- encourage the study of languages;
- identify high school graduates with multilingualism and multiliteracy skills for employers;
- provide universities with additional information about applicants seeking admission;
- prepare students with twenty-first century skills; and
- recognize the value of world and home language instruction in schools.



The NYSSB carries the highest weight on a school's "[Readiness Measures](#)", on par with the NYS Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams. This also includes current ELLs not in the graduation cohort earning the NYSSB and a Regents Diploma.

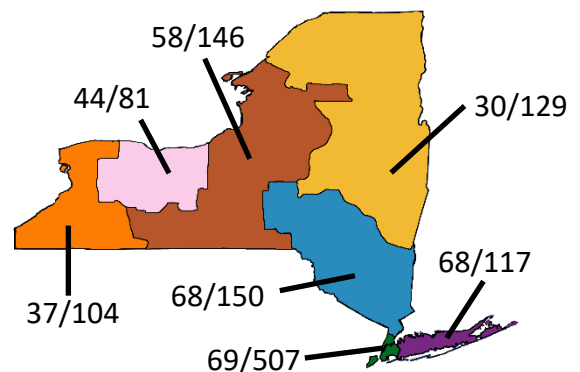
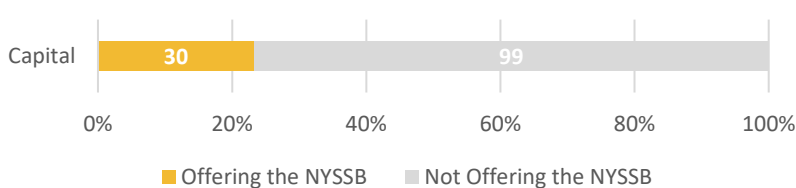
Number of Schools Offering the NYSSB in the Capital Region (2016-2022)



# 23.3%

of district schools in the Capital region offered the NYSSB in 2021-22.

Number of Schools Offering vs. Not Offering the NYSSB in the Capital-East Region (2021-22)



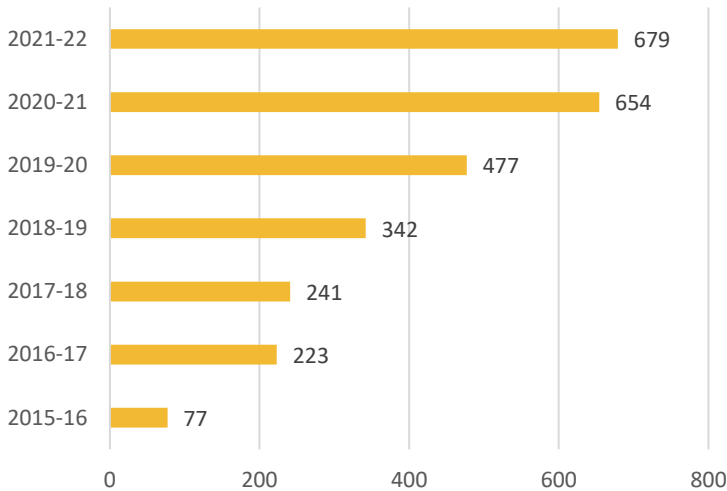
The ratios listed are the number of schools offering the NYSSB to the total number of district schools in the region.

## Languages in which Capital region students earned the NYSSB in 2021-22

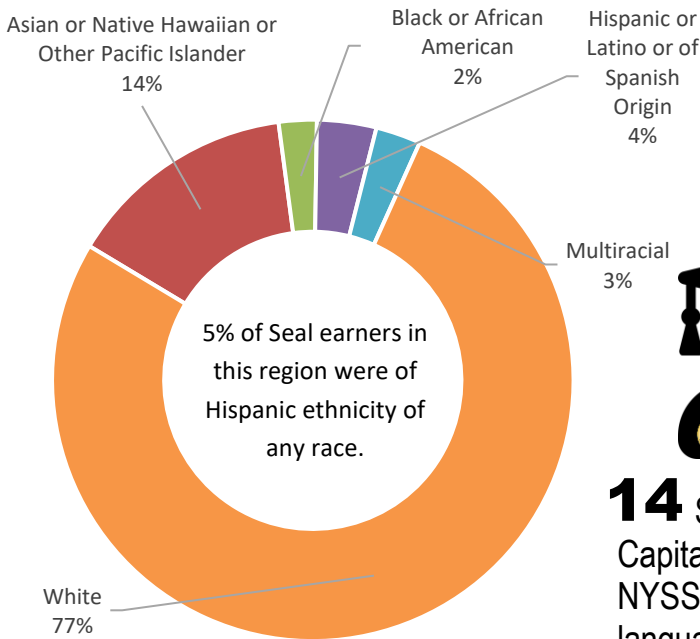
Albanian, American Sign Language, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Korean, Latin, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Telugu, Turkish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese

**679** students from the Capital region earned the NYSSB in 2021-22.

NYSSB Earners in the Capital Region (2016-2022)



Percentage of Students who Earned the NYSSB in the Capital Region by Race (2021-22)

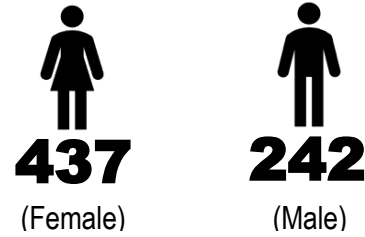


5% of Seal earners in this region were of Hispanic ethnicity of any race.



**14** Students from the Capital region earned the NYSSB in **two** world languages in addition to English in 2021-22.

Seal Earners by Gender

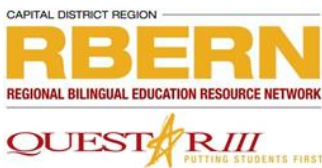
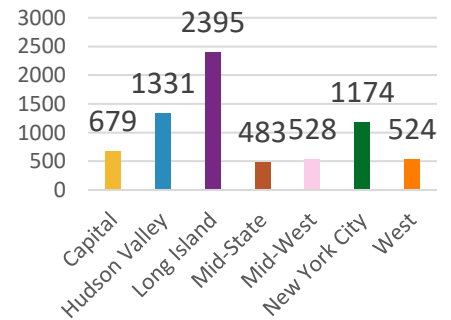


Seal Earners by ELL Status

Current ELLs	9
Former/Ever ELLs	15
Never ELLs - Home Language = English	622
Never ELLs - Home Language ≠ English	33

**Current ELLs** are students who, by birth or ancestry, speak or understand a language other than English and who score below the designated level on the NYS English language proficiency assessment. **Ever ELLs** (includes Former ELLs) are students who were once ELLs, but who have demonstrated the NYS designated level of proficiency necessary to exit ELL status. **Never ELLs** are students who have never been identified as ELLs. A Never ELL's home language may be English or another world language.

Total Number of Students who Earned the NYSSB by Region (2021-22)



Your local RBERN can also provide support for your Seal of Biliteracy Program.

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