

Over the course of 2007-2008 academic year and part of the 2008-2009 academic year, a group of high school teachers from the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) meet to finalize the criteria, the requirements, and the assessments a student needs to complete in order to receive either the Bilingual Recognition Seal or the Bilingual Honor Seal on his/her diploma.

The requirements listed below were created by this team of teachers from APS schools with bilingual programs. Because they were finalized in the fall of 2008, they will **officially** go into effect for **freshmen entering APS high schools in 2008-2009**. Students enrolled prior to this date and lacking any of the course or other requirements may apply to take the exam and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

APS: Requirements for the Bilingual Recognition Seal, Honor Seal, and Honor Cord

| Bilingual Recognition Seal | | Bilingual Honor Cord |
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| Required Coursework | | Required Coursework |
| Meet the following course requirements over the course of four years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level IV or above in assessment language (i.e. AP Spanish Literature or Language) • 4 years of English or English as a Second Language • 4 core content courses taught in English • 4 core content courses taught in the assessment language | | Meet the following course requirements over the course of four years: Level IV or above in assessment language (i.e. AP Spanish Literature or Language) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years of English or English as a Second Language • 4 core content courses taught in English • 4 core content courses taught in the assessment language |
| *Core content courses include Math, Science, and Social Studies. Elective courses include fine arts, music, drama, and dance. | | |
| Assessments | | Assessments |
| Meet a minimum score of 3 on the APS district Bilingual Seal Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Writing • Oral Interview Meet 2.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average | | Meet a minimum score of 3 on the APS district Bilingual Seal Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Writing • Oral Interview Meet 3.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average |
| Teacher Recommendations | | Teacher Recommendations |
| 4-6 Teacher Recommendation Forms | | 4-6 Teacher Recommendation Forms |