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Dear Parents and Families,

Thornton Fractional District 215 is proud to offer the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy to qualifying students who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English and Spanish.

The State Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to high school seniors who can read, write, speak, and understand English and another language. The State Seal (shown above) appears as an official seal on high school diplomas and official transcripts. The benefits of achieving this honor include:

- Earning college credit in Illinois and possibly other states
- Distinguishing your resume and college application
- Earning scholarship and career opportunities
- Understanding your proficiency to set advanced language goals

To qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy, District 215 students must meet the following criteria:

Proof of Spanish proficiency:

AP Spanish Language score of 4 or 5

Proof of English Proficiency includes one of the following:

A minimum score of 540 on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing portion of the SAT

A minimum composite score of 21 on the ACT

An overall composite score of 4.8 or higher on the ACCESS test

AP Language & Composition score of 4 or 5

Please contact your student's Guidance Counselor for more information.

Sincerely,

Teresa A. Lance Superintendent