

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF THE FLORIDA SEAL OF BILITERACY PROGRAM IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

In 2016, the Florida State Legislature enacted the Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program for high school students (State Statute 1003.432), which was “established to recognize a high school graduate who has attained a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more foreign languages in addition to English.” The statute further states that “the seal must differentiate between two levels of competency, designated as Gold and Silver, which must be as rigorous as is recommended in the biliteracy seal guidelines established by national organizations supporting foreign language instruction.” Furthermore, specific language, including the awarding criteria for the Florida Gold Seal and Silver Seal of Biliteracy, is included in M-DCPS *Student Progression Plan 2024-2025*.

The following charts provide information regarding the number of graduating high school students who were eligible and/or received the Silver Seal designation and the Gold Seal designation for the past five school years:

Number of high school students eligible for the diploma designation:

2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025	
Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold
671	4,289	759	3,785	610	2,991	1,033	3,937	1,271	4,537

Number of graduating high school students who have received the Silver Seal designation or the Gold Seal Designation:

2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025*	
Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold
372	2,753	463	2,523	610	2,991	745	2,900		

*Data for 2024-2025 is still pending.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the General Counsel's Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize the Florida Gold and Silver Seal of Biliteracy Program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools for honoring graduating high school students who achieve a high level of competency in one or more World Languages.