

North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District
Annandale, NJ
SEAL OF BILITERACY
Resolution No. BR111417-3

Rationale:

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District upholds that the mastery of two or more languages makes important contributions to a student's cognitive development, understanding of diverse cultures, and economic opportunities.

WHEREAS, literacy in two or more languages represents a challenging academic standard;

WHEREAS, developing a child's home language is a strong foundation for academic literacy in English;

WHEREAS bilingualism builds trust and understanding across languages and cultural groups in our community;

WHEREAS, the study of world languages prepares students to communicate effectively in a global political, social and economic context;

WHEREAS the demand for employees to be fluent in more than one language is increasing both in New Jersey and throughout the world;

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District hereby adopts a Seal of Biliteracy attached to a certificate for pupils who have attained high levels of proficiency in English and one other language. Through the implementation of this Seal of Biliteracy, the district seeks to:

- encourage pupils to develop biliteracy skills;
- revitalize and promote world and heritage language instruction in our schools;
- encourage the development of K-12 dual language immersion programs in our schools;
- recognize and honor our rich and diverse language assets;
- provide universities and employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, approved the Seal of Biliteracy, effective immediately.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education on the date set forth below by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstentions: _____

Adopted: _____

Susan Press
School Business Administrator / Board Secretary

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