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Seal of Biliteracy

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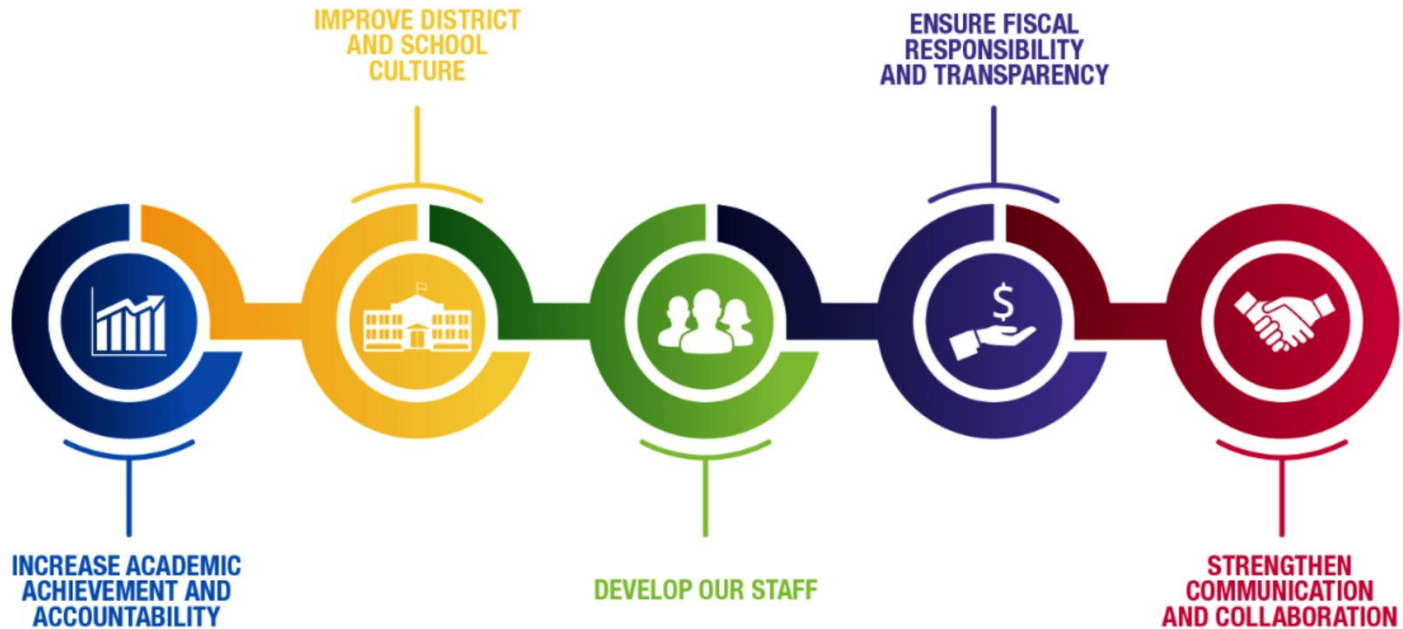
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Five Priorities for Success



Strategic Plan Driving Our Mission



Strategic Plan Driving Our Mission:

MPS is a diverse district that welcomes all students and prepares them for success in higher education, post-education opportunities, work, and citizenship.

What Is the Seal of Biliteracy?

The Wisconsin Seal of Biliteracy is a state-approved certificate awarded by schools or districts to recognize high school graduates who have attained proficiency in English and one or more additional languages.



Why the Seal of Biliteracy?

The Seal of Biliteracy seeks to expand understanding of multilingualism, to raise awareness of the benefits of biliteracy and biculturalism, and to elevate the status of language learning within K–12 education.



- Bilingual Dual Language
- English as a Second Language
- Language Immersion
- World Languages

Seal of Biliteracy Data

2019–20

★ 18 graduates

2020–21

★ 58 graduates

2021–22

★ 66 graduates

2022–23

★ 135 graduates

2023–24

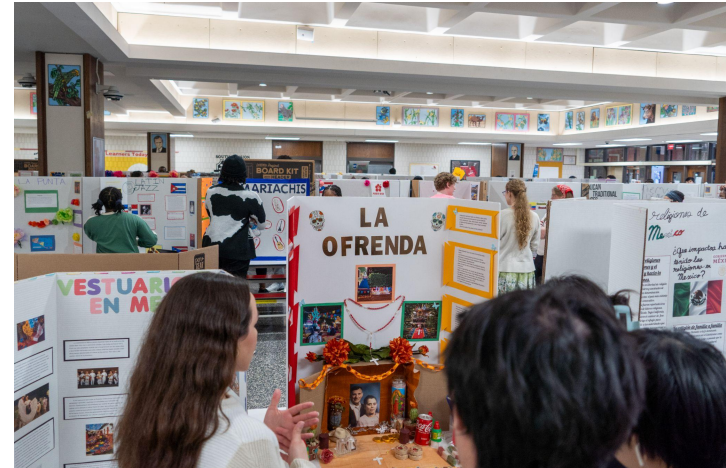
★ 221 graduates

Languages

- ★ American Sign Language
- ★ Arabic
- ★ Burmese
- ★ Chin
- ★ French
- ★ German
- ★ Hindi
- ★ Hmong
- ★ Igbo
- ★ Italian
- ★ Karen
- ★ Karenni
- ★ Lao
- ★ Maay Maay
- ★ Malay
- ★ Rohingya
- ★ Somali
- ★ Spanish
- ★ Swahili
- ★ Urdu

Who Can Earn the Seal?

All students who can prove proficiency in English and another world language



Earning the Seal of Biliteracy

Earning the Seal of Biliteracy requires meeting criteria in three areas:

- English language proficiency
- Proficiency in a language other than English
- Sociocultural competency



