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New York State Seal of Biliteracy



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What is the Seal of Biliteracy?

The Seal of Biliteracy recognizes students who have attained a high level of proficiency in two or more world languages by high school graduation.

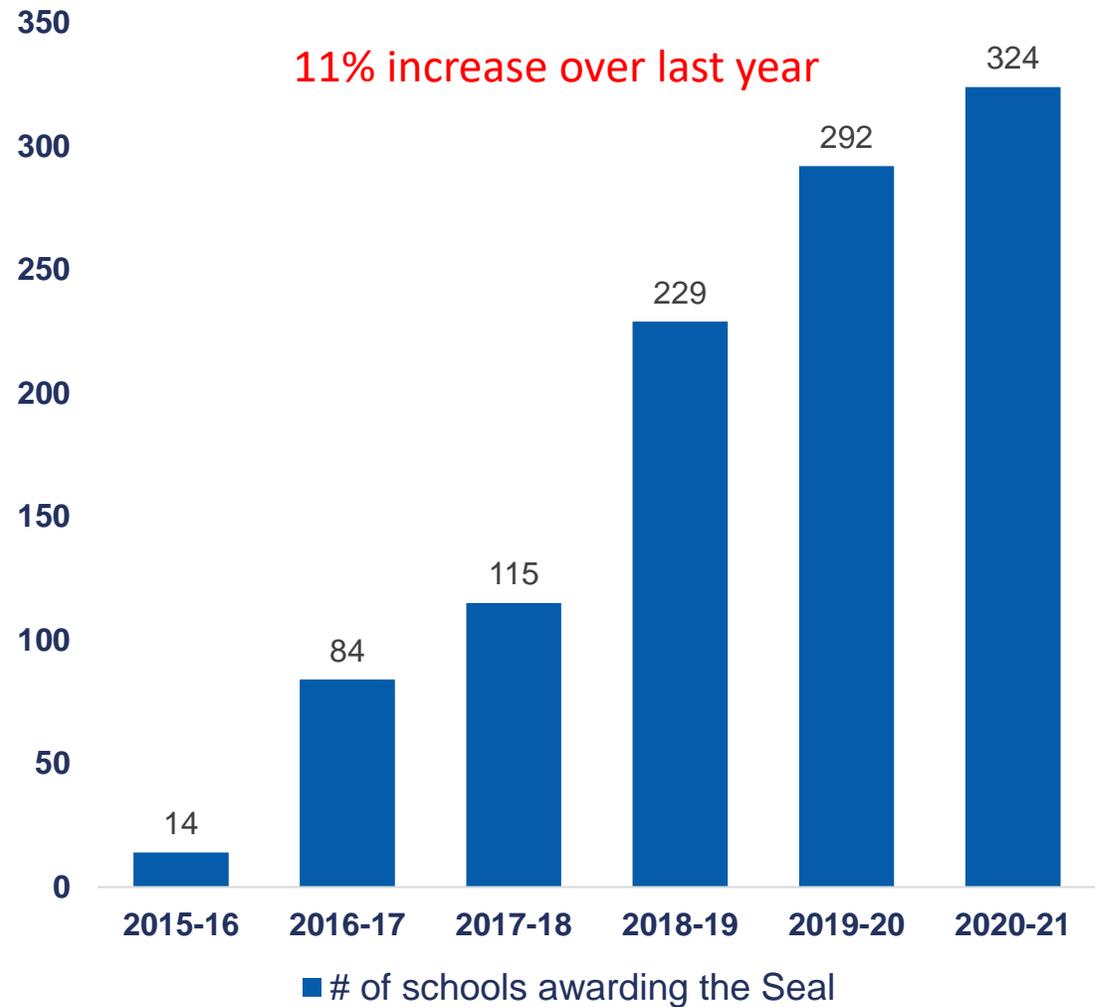


2021 NYSSB Graduate from Uniondale HS
(Long Island)

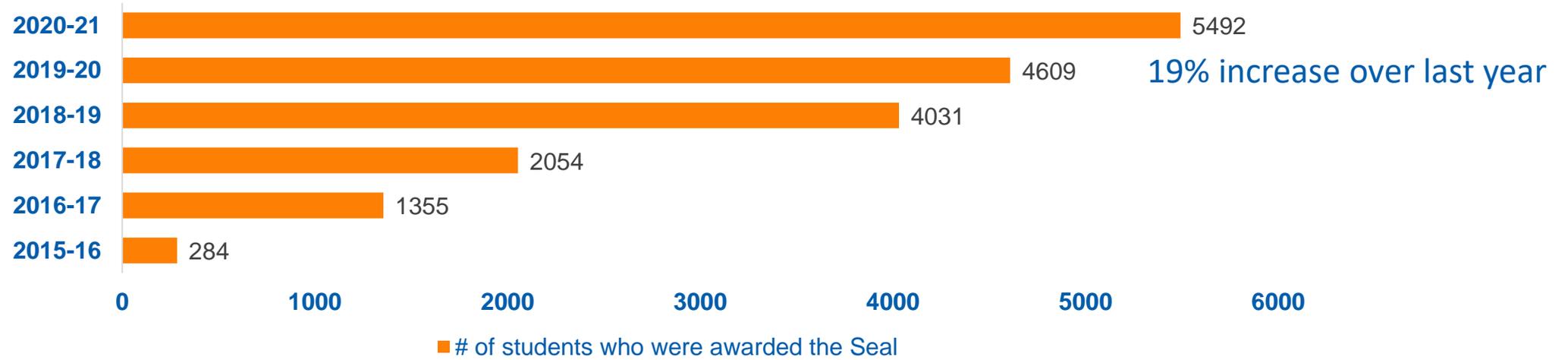
Growth in High Schools



2021 NYSSB Graduate from Long Lake CSD
(Capital District)



2020-21 Growth in Students



2021 NYSSB Graduate from Frewsburg HS (Western Region)

Linguistic Diversity

English Language Learners who earned the NYSSB doubled

97 students earned Seals for 2 or more World Languages

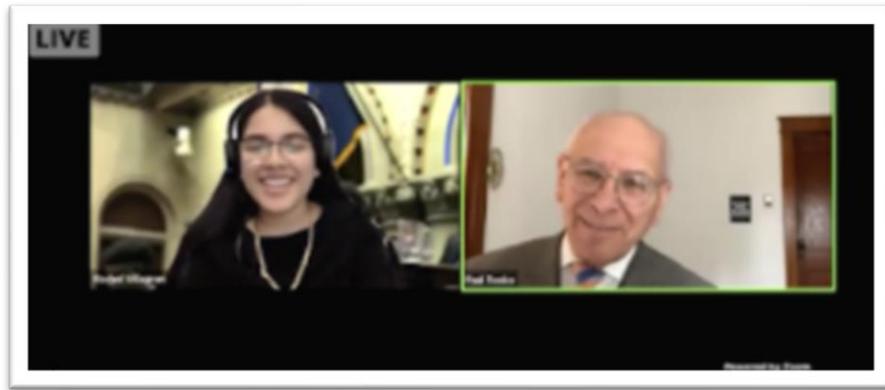
58 languages



2021 NYSSB Graduate from Esperanza Prep
(New York City)

Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute (PRHYLI)

Pathway to the NYSSB for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute (PRHYLI) students



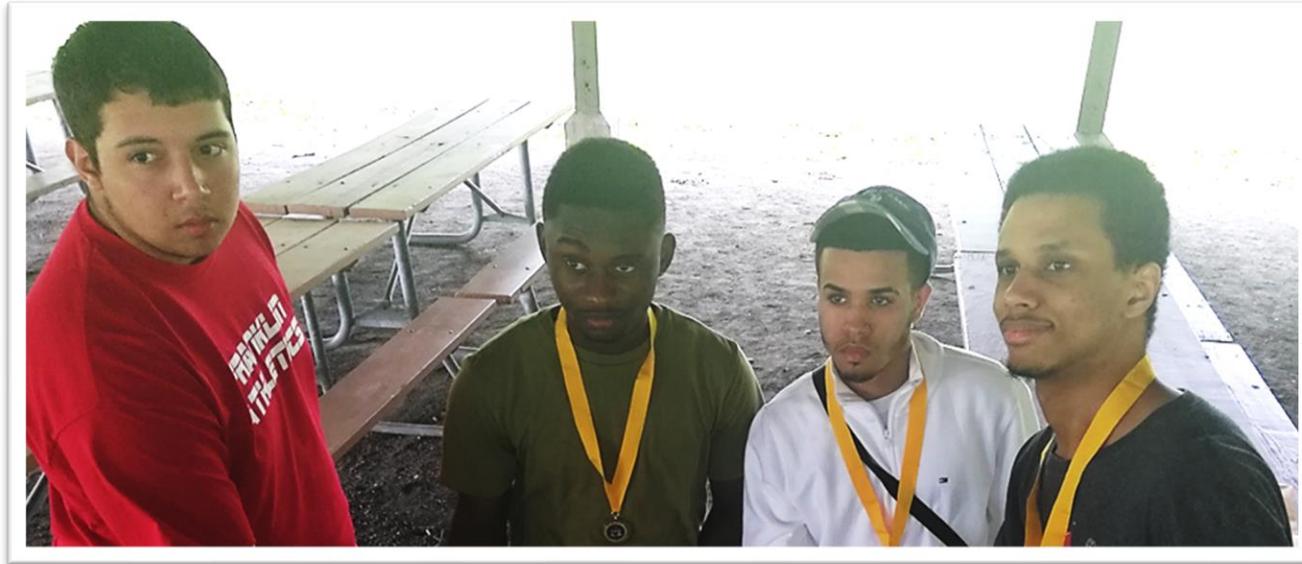
March 2021 PRHYLI participants



How Do We Assist Schools in Addressing Access and Inclusion?

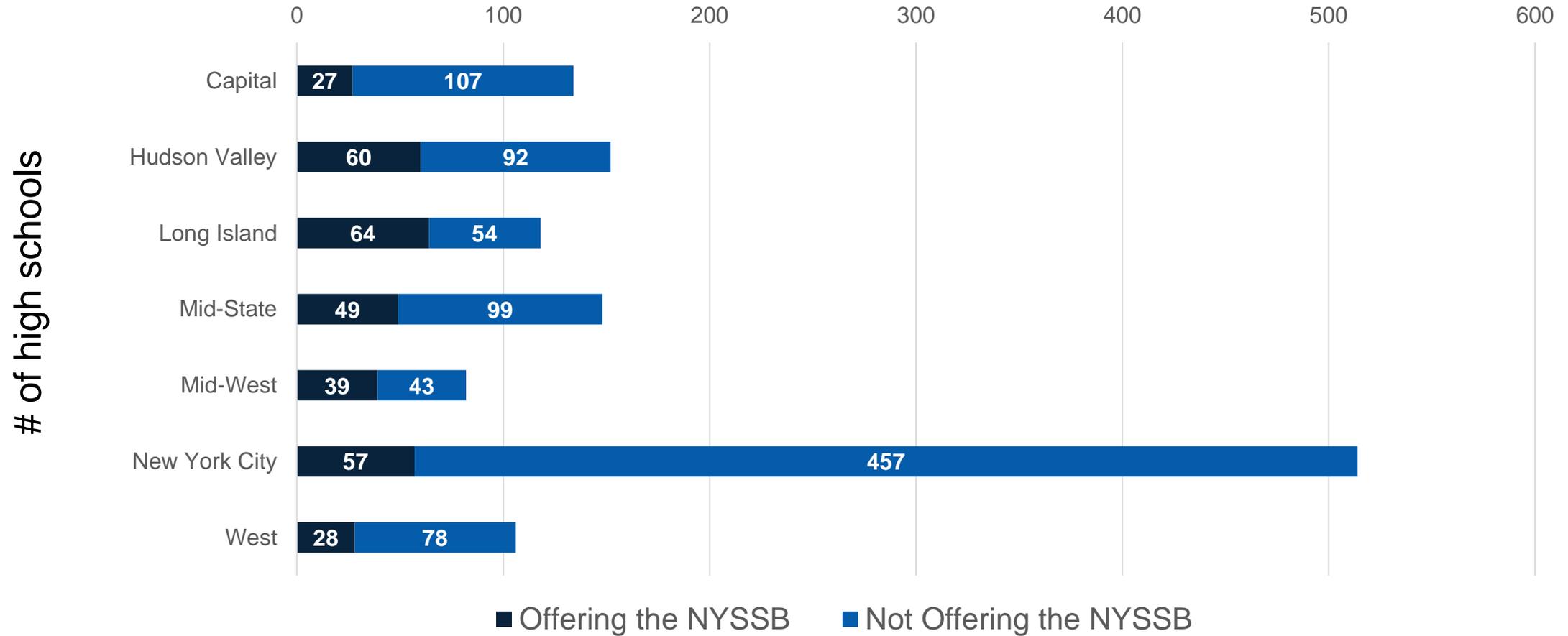
“Proficiency in more than one language benefits individuals and society alike.”

-Dr. Sonia Soltero



2021 NYSSB Graduate from Rochester CSD (Mid-West)

Strategies for Growth



Stakeholder Engagement

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NYSED Resources

Annual Reports

Summarize in facts and figures each year's performance

The collage features three main components:

- Top Left:** The cover of the "The New York State Seal of Biliteracy 2020-21 Report". It includes the Seal of Biliteracy logo and the text: "Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages, New York State Education Department".
- Center:** The cover of the "The New York State Seal of Biliteracy in the Mid-State Region 2020-21 Report". It features a map of the Mid-State Region and the text: "Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages, New York State Education Department".
- Bottom Right:** A digital interface titled "NYS Seal of Biliteracy Mid-West Region 2020-21". It displays a bar chart showing the number of students who earned the Seal of Biliteracy in the Mid-West Region for the 2020-21 school year. A prominent statistic shows that 47.6% of districts in the Mid-West Region reported at least one student earning the Seal of Biliteracy in 2020-21.

NYSSB Handbook

- Handbook published annually
- > 100 frequently asked questions relative to the Seal

The cover of the "The New York State Seal of Biliteracy Handbook" features the Seal of Biliteracy logo and the text: "2021-2022, Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages, New York State Education Department". It also includes the NYS ED logo and the tagline "New York State EDUCATION DEPARTMENT Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity".

NYSED Resources

Concise, 1-page briefs on the Seal for stakeholders...

...offered in the top 10 languages of ELLs and their families.



NYSED Resources

NYSSB Guidance Toolkit



THE NEW YORK STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY (NYSSB) GUIDANCE TOOLKIT

Module I: Getting Started



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and Shawna Sweet (Mid-West RBERN)

Make bilingualism and biliteracy the norm, not the exception!



2021 NYSSB Graduates from Ithaca HS (Mid-State)