

GaDOE World Languages Seal Guidance



Important Updates on Seal Deadlines and Procedures for Spring 2020



In response to the unprecedented interruption in normal end of the year activities of Georgia school systems, GaDOE World Languages is committed to providing the best possible service and flexibility to schools, systems and stakeholders impacted by the current situation. The below guidance is provided to answer questions regarding deadlines and procedures for schools in reporting and awarding the Georgia Seal of Biliteracy and International Skills Diploma Seal to deserving senior students of the class of 2020. If you have additional questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Patrick Wallace (pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us) or visit the guidance posted on our [Georgia Seal of Biliteracy](#) and [International Skills Diploma Seal](#) websites.

Georgia Seal of Biliteracy:

[The Georgia Seal of Biliteracy](#), established in May of 2016, is now entering its fourth yearly cycle of reporting. More than 5,000 students across Georgia have earned the seal since its inception. The first reporting deadline has been extended to **May 8th** and is for all seniors, who are earning the seal via a Tier 2 test as seniors or underclassmen or a qualifying AP or IB exam score as underclassmen. All other senior AP or IB test takers, who qualify for the seal by virtue of their test results this coming summer, will have until **Sept 1st** to submit their seal request for the retroactive awarding of the seal. All Georgia Seal of Biliteracy requests need to be made via the submission portal located here. For more information on the seal, visit our page located here and/or the Guidance at a Glance document here. Currently, the seal is available in over 100 languages

International Skills Diploma Seal:

[The innovative Georgia International Skills Diploma Seal Program](#) has expanded again with 6 new high schools this year! This year, the deadline for schools and systems to submit ISDS request has been extended and is **May 8th**. Please visit our website here for more specific information. The deadline for participating ISDS schools and systems to submit STAR student information has also been extended and is now **May 8th** as well. All International Skills Diploma Seal requests need to be made via the submission portal located here. All International Skills Diploma Seal Star Student information needs to be entered via this link. In addition, the Twenty hours of community service involving a global/cross-cultural public service project which is a part of the ISDS Seal requirements is waived for this year's senior class as we recognize that this is no longer possible in our current environment.

A Final Important Note:

Our intention is to provide maximum flexibility and service to our districts and to our students during this time. The **May 8th** deadline can be extended for systems and schools who are experiencing extenuating circumstances due to the current disruption. Please reach out to us if that is the case so that we can work with you to resolve any issues related to reporting. **Teachers, please check first with your district leaders for any local policies and procedures regarding the reporting of seal requests prior to submitting them.**

Additional Questions? Please reach out to Mr. Patrick Wallace, pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us



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