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Eight USD 305 12th Grade Students Receive Seals of Biliteracy

Benefits expected to include improved marketability, earning power and preparation for the global workforce.

Congratulations to eight 12th grade students from USD 305 to be recognized for their literacy in more than one language by the Kansas State Department of Education. Graduates received a “Seal of Biliteracy” certificate and the recognition has been added to their high school transcripts.

“Earning a Seal of Biliteracy requires exemplary performance in reading, writing, speaking and listening in a second language, stated Linn Exline, Executive Director of School Improvement and incoming superintendent as of July 1. “Few students reach this high level of competency. These eight students should be proud of their accomplishment; they have a skill set that few share.”

This spring, qualifying USD 305 students took the language proficiency assessment. They had to demonstrate language abilities such as reading, writing, listening, speaking in video chats, wikis and other tasks. The result was that USD 305 students received eight certificates in English and Spanish.

Graduates who received the Gold Seal of Biliteracy

<i>Salina High School South</i>	
<i>Cristobal Dominguez</i>	<i>English and Spanish</i>
<i>Daniela Rivera</i>	<i>English and Spanish</i>
<i>Reyna Martinez</i>	<i>English and Spanish</i>

<i>Aracely Nieto</i>	<i>English and Spanish</i>
<i>Ivan Velo Castaneda</i>	<i>English and Spanish</i>
<i>Salina High School Central</i>	
<i>Ashley Eck</i>	<i>English and Spanish</i>
<i>Carlos Jaramillo</i>	<i>English and Spanish</i>
<i>Lauren Tubal</i>	<i>English and Spanish</i>

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