



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Nebraska Students Awarded Seals of Biliteracy

The Nebraska Department of Education, in partnership with the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy Advisory Committee, is proud to announce that 366 Nebraska Seals of Biliteracy have been awarded to 362 students during the April 2026 award cycle. These prestigious recognitions honor high school students who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in English and at least one additional language.

The Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy celebrates students who have developed this vital 21st-century skill, with proficiency verified through assessments aligned to the Nebraska World Language Standards. These standards emphasize communication, cultures, connections, communities, and cognition in a language other than English.

For the April 2026 awards, students demonstrated proficiency in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Latin, Somali, Spanish, and Ukrainian. Notably, this is the first time the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy has been awarded for Ukrainian.

With this latest round of recipients, a total of 696 Nebraska Seals of Biliteracy have been awarded statewide during the 2025–2026 academic year. The names of the April 2026 recipients are listed below with parent permission.

#### 2026 April Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy Recipients

Abigail Padilla	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Abraham Gonzalez Ortiz	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Abril Vazquez-Martinez	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Ada Ornelas Valencia	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Adelynn Sateren	Spanish	Wisner-Pilger High School
Adriana Solivan	Spanish	Lexington High School
Agustin Martinez	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Alan Vargas	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Alejandra Wells	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Alejandro Villagomez	Spanish	Fremont High School
Alex Avila Gomez	Spanish	Fremont High School
Alex Hagen	Spanish	Lincoln Northwest High School
Alexa Cardenas	Spanish	Lexington High School
Alexander Kontogiannis	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Alexis Gonzalez Saldana	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Alexis Lagunas Cruz	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School

Alfredo Jimenez Reza	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Alina Hernandez Duenas	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Allison Baer	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Allison Hernandez	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Amanda Mendez-Castro	Spanish	Malcolm Jr/Sr High School
Amy Rodriguez Rosa	Spanish	Fremont High School
Anahi Martinez Rodriguez	Spanish	Fremont High School
Anamarie Valencia-Maganda	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Andrea Chaparro	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Andrea Hu	Chinese	Lincoln East High School
Andrea Robles-Torres	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Andres Perez	Spanish	Lexington High School
Andrew Fittje	Spanish	Fremont High School
Andy Ferrey Chow	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Angel Aguirre	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Angel DeLaCruz	Spanish	Fremont High School
Angel Giovanny Jimenez	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Angela Felipe Nicolas	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Angela G. Ramirez-Ramirez	Spanish	Lexington High School
Angie Sanchez Lopez	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Anna Fugate	Spanish	Bellevue West Sr High School
Anthony Castillo Martinez	Spanish	Fremont High School
Antonio Acosta-Contreras	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Archangel Lopez	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Arely Carrillo Sales	Spanish	Fremont High School
Arlet Gonzalez	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Ashley Chami Puac	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Ashley Grijalva	Spanish	Lexington High School
Ashley Najera	Spanish	Lexington High School
Ashley Ramirez	Spanish	Bellevue West Sr High School
Ashley Renteria	Spanish	Lexington High School
Asma Ahmed	Somali	Lexington High School
Astrid Calel Xon	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Athziry Garcia-Mojica	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Aubrey Ackerson	Spanish	Lexington High School
Axton Lantz	Spanish	Wisner-Pilger High School
Azul Flores Lopez	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Bambi Yax	Spanish	Grand Island Central Catholic School
Beatrix McKillip	Spanish	Lincoln southeast high school
Benjamin Ayala	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Berkley Byler	Spanish	Lincoln southeast high school
Beyonce Castillo Castillo	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Bianca Corona	Spanish	Gibbon High School
Bralen Cullum	Spanish	Fremont High School
Brayden Abbott	Spanish	Lincoln Southeast High School
Brayden Abbott	Spanish	Lincoln southeast high school
Brenda Alonzo-Gutierrez	Spanish	Fremont High School
Brenda Regalado Manzo	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Brianna Herrera	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Brittany Valencia	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Bronlyn Brening	Spanish	Lincoln southeast high school
Brynn Morrissey	Spanish	Lincoln Southeast High School
Camila Coronado Valdez	Spanish	Fremont High School
Camila Lara	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Camila Salas Lopez De Lara	Spanish	South Sioux City High School

Carlos Enriquez-Ayala	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Carlos Franco	Spanish	Omaha North High School
Carlos Herrera Montano	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Carmen Lopez	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Carolima Gallardo Molina	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Cassandra Santillan	Spanish	Fremont High School
Cecilia Jeronimo Valdez	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Chelsea Ortiz-Vega	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Christopher Hernandez	Spanish	Lexington High School
Christopher Martinez Alvarado	Spanish	Omaha North High School
Cian McMahon	Spanish	Bellevue West Sr High School
Claire Bossman	Latin	Bellevue East Sr High School
Claire Hughes	Spanish	Fremont High School
Colin Svoboda	Spanish	Lincoln Northwest High School
Connor Haney	Spanish	Grand Island Central Catholic School
Cooper Shurigar	Spanish	Kenesaw Secondary School
Cristian Carrillo Narvaez	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Cristobal Madrigal	Spanish	Lexington High School
Cynthia Utrera	Spanish	Westview High School
Danica O'Neal	Spanish	Deshler Public Schools
Daniela Gonzalez	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Daniela Quinto Henriquez	German/Spanish	Fremont High School
Daniella Avalos Nieto	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Danna Jamaica Zamudio	Spanish	Fremont High School
Darline Alvarez Payes	Spanish	Fremont High School
Daryan Mora	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
David Garcia Diaz	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
David Mondragon-Pineda	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
David Reyes Chinchilla	Spanish	Fremont High School
David Sanchez-Gomez	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Denise Acevedo Jara	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Diana Riveros-Lopez	Spanish	Bellevue West Sr High School
Dylan Lopez Palma	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Elayna Villegas	Spanish	Lincoln southeast high school
Elliot Nelson	Spanish	Creighton Preparatory School
Elvis Lopez	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Elvis Miranda Zetino	Spanish	Fremont High School
Emely Diego Juan	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Emely Gonzalez Rodriguez	Spanish	Aurora High School
Emilio Pulido Volkmer	Spanish	Creighton Preparatory School
Emily Dieguez	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Emmanuel Cabrales	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Enllet Castellano-Reyes	Spanish	Westview High School
Erandy Hernandez	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Eric Rodriguez	Spanish	Grand Island Central Catholic School
Ericka Gonzalez	Spanish	Westview High School
Erika Magaly Lopez Lopez	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Ernesto Pulido Castro	Spanish	Fremont High School
Ethan Ruser-Pertusa	Spanish	Lincoln Southwest high school
Evelyn Ramirez	Spanish	Lexington High School
Ever Ayala-Barrios	Spanish	Lexington High School
Fernando Adonay Jimenez Rivera	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Gabriel Barrera	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Gabrielle Diaz	Spanish	Lexington High School
Genesis Hernandez	Spanish	Fremont High School

George Manhart	Spanish	Creighton Preparatory School
Gerardo Jimenez-Ambriz	Spanish	Lexington High School
Giselle Garduno Ruiz	Spanish	Omaha Northwest High School
Giselle Gutierrez	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Gladis Perez Martinez	Spanish	Fremont High School
Guadalupe Martinez	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Gustavo Adolfo Cortez Hernandez	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Hamank'aya Garcia-Adame	Spanish	Lincoln Southwest high school
Harim Salcedo	Spanish	Westview High School
Harrison Maser	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Heidi Sanchez Juarez	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Heity Sotres-Nuño	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Helder Citalan Perez,	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Hellen Jamrock-Echague	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Hellen Jordan Salguero	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Henry Ahilon-Calmo	Spanish	Lexington High School
Henry Hill	Spanish	Lincoln High School
Irsa Sena	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Irving Galindo	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Isaac Spader	Spanish	Lincoln southeast high school
Isabella Denney	Spanish	Grand Island Central Catholic School
Isahi Marquez Munoz	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Isaiah Nomiya	German	Bellevue West Sr High School
Iseult Maitrejean	French/Spanish	Conestoga Jr/Sr High School
Ismael Tellez	Spanish	Westview High School
Ivana Arana	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Ivonne Ibañen-Marquez	Spanish	Lexington High School
Jacob Sole	German	Gretna High School
Jacqueline Ramirez Estrada	Spanish	Gibbon high school
Jacqueline Rodriguez	Spanish	Fremont High School
Jade Huffman	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Jaden Ragsdale	Spanish	Waverly High School
Janet Diaz Trejo	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Janet Medina-Salazar	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Jaslene Dominguez Lara	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Jasmine Mendez	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Jasmine Rivera	Spanish	Fremont High School
Jatniel Melara	Spanish	Lexington High School
Jazmin Bustamante-Salgado	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Jazmin Garcia-Alvarez	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Jazmin Garcia-Rodriguez	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Jazmin Leyva	Spanish	Lexington High School
Jeanmarco Solares	Spanish	Gibbon High School
Jendhy Batres Lopez	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Jenessy Mena	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Jenna Ellsworth	Spanish	Fremont High School
Jennifer Lemus	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Jennifer Mejia Cisneros	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Jennifer Trinidad Lopez	Spanish	Fremont High School
Jennifer Vazquez-Garcia	Spanish	Lexington High School
Jeremy Rodriguez-Padron	Spanish	Lexington High School
Jesus Heredia-Escobar	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Jetzary Chaparro Mendez	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Jewels Osorio	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Jhoseline Abrego Pineda	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School

Joctan Romero	Spanish	Gibbon High School
Johana Alcala	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Johanna Flores-Francisquez	Spanish	Omaha North High School
John Paul Uptmor	Spanish	Creighton Preparatory School
Jose Del Valle Nazco	Spanish	Grand Island Senior High
Jose Perez Villado	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Jozlyn Keene	Spanish	Conestoga Jr/Sr High School
Juan Leon Alonzo	Spanish	Fremont High School
Juan Ortiz Zapeta	Spanish	Fremont High School
Juan Pablo Reina Trujillo	Spanish	Westview High School
Juan Peraza	Spanish	Fremont High School
Julian Edson Gonzalez	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Justin Pineda-Choto	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Kaden Milby	Spanish	Grand Island Central Catholic School
Kaitlyn Oberg	Spanish	Lincoln Northwest High School
Kamila Ortiz	Spanish	Lexington High School
Karen Magaña	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Karliany Santiago Rivera	Spanish	Lexington High School
Kathryn Lathrum	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Kathryn Rice	German	Omaha North High School
Keely Moore	Spanish	Lincoln High School
Keira Thurman	Spanish	Lincoln southeast high school
Kelly Gonzalez De Paz	Spanish	Westview High School
Kenechukwu Anyaegbunam	Spanish	creighton preparatory school
Kenia Aguirre	Spanish	Bryan High School
Kennya Pena	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Kevin Benitez Degante	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Kevin Garcia	Spanish	Dundy County Stratton High School
Kevin Lopez-Romero	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Keyla Cano Alvarado	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Keyli Lopez Rosales	Spanish	Fremont High School
Keyliana Vazquez Colon	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Kimberly Alvarez Simon	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Kimberly Laguna-Gutierrez	Spanish	Lexington High School
Kimberly Lainez	Spanish	Lexington High School
Klarissa Granados	Spanish	Lexington High School
Landen Heine	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Laura Aguirre Aguilar	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Laura Cervantes	Spanish	Bellevue West Sr High School
Laura Valencia	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Leo Valadez	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Leonardo Garcia-Campos	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Leslie Olivera Cisneros	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Levi Espinosa	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Liliana Hernandez	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Lionel Ramirez	Spanish	Lexington High School
Lizbeth Tapia-Gonzalez	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Lizbeth Uriostegui-Estrada	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Lluvia Gudino-Garcia	Spanish	Bellevue West Sr High School
Logan Williams	Spanish	Fremont High School
Lucyana Munoz	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Luz Bravo-Estrada	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Mackenzie Becerra	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Madison Muller	Spanish	Lincoln Northwest High School
Maidaline Gonzalez-Dominguez	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School

Maite Villarreal	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Makenna Freitag	Spanish	Deshler Public Schools
Marcos Marino Madora	Spanish	Fremont High School
Marely Pérez Leos	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Marely Tapia Olivares	Spanish	Omaha Northwest High School
Maria Morales Tiniguar	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
MariadelRosario Degante Ortega	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Marian Cortes-Martinez	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Maribel Campos	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Marisela Francisco	Spanish	Lexington High School
Marta Delaluz-Enriquez	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Martina Alonzo Gomez	Spanish	Fremont High School
Matthew Tweedy	German	Fremont High School
Mattie Goettsch	Spanish	Lincoln southeast high school
Mawuli Amehe	French	Bellevue West Sr High School
Maylin Novoa	Spanish	Lexington High School
Mayrani Degante Reyna	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Melanie Estrada Moreno	Spanish	Omaha Northwest High School
Melanie Guardado-Serrano	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Melany Lopez	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Michelle Dieguez	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Miranda Silva Vallin	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Misael Orozco	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Monica Menjivar	Spanish	Lexington High School
Mounique Vazquez	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Naim Lopez Jimenez	Spanish	Westview High School
Natalia Huerta	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Natalie Contreras	Spanish	Gibbon High School
Natalie Sierra Sanchez	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Nayovi Sanchez	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Noemi Gomez	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Norah Donahoe	Spanish	Lincoln southeast high school
Ofelia Sandoval-Izazaga	Spanish	Fremont High School
Olivia Cochran	Spanish	Omaha Virtual School
Oscar Aldana	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Oscar Alonzo Tizol	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Paloma Gibson	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Paloma Lemus-Magaña	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Pamela Camacho Martinez	Spanish	Fremont High School
Paola Medina Aguilar	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Paula Gutierrez Martinez	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Payton Vorderstrasse	Spanish	Waverly High School
Perla Raya Lemus	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Phoebe Pierson	Spanish	Lincoln High School
Piper Michaud	Spanish	Lincoln Southeast High School
Rachel Chavez	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Ranulfo Hernandez	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Rebeca Juarez Ixcoy	Spanish	Fremont High School
Regan Raabe	Spanish	Wisner-Pilger High School
Renata Gutierrez	Spanish	Bellevue West Sr High School
Riley Ross	Spanish	Wisner-Pilger High School
Rogelio Garcia	Spanish	Lexington High School
Rosy Corado-Ramirez	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Ruby Solache	Spanish	Lexington High School
Ruth Rivera	Spanish	Omaha Central High School

Ryan Mayo	Spanish	Jr-Sr high School at Palmyra
Samantha Salgado-Mis	Spanish	Westview High School
Samantha Wilhelm	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Sebastian Reutzel	Spanish	Westview High School
Seedra Zenbaara	Arabic	Omaha Central High School
Selena Peraza Guardado	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Shaylee Robinson	Spanish	Fremont High School
Sherlyne America Torres-Diaz	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Shirley Sanchez	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Stephanie Espino	Spanish	Omaha Burke High School
Stephany Orellana Gomez	Spanish	Benson High School
Tairis Aguayo Zabala	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Thalia Jacinto-Zacarias	Spanish	Omaha Central High School
Thomas Mueller	Spanish	Waverly High School
Trevor Kerkman	Spanish	Jr-Sr high School at Palmyra
Valerie Matzar-Vargas	Spanish	Lexington High School
Vaness Pasillas	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Victoria Bogatz	French	Bellevue East sr High School
Wendy Xol Linares	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Will Coughlin	Spanish	Creighton preparatory school
Will Creed	German	Lincoln Northwest High School
William Schleicher	Spanish	Fremont High School
Yakelin Monterroso Carpio	Spanish	Fremont High School
Yamelis Jimenez	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Yaovi Alvin Kelly Senoo	French	Omaha Burke High School
Yareli Lopez	Spanish	Lexington High School
Yaritza Magana Flores	Spanish	Fremont High School
Yazmin Hernandez Banderas	Spanish	Omaha Buena Vista High School
Yenedith Cubilla Armenta	Spanish	Omaha South High School
Yesenia Calleja-Maganda	Spanish	Omaha Bryan High School
Yesenia Ruiz	Spanish	Chase county high school
Ysary Torres	Spanish	Scottsbluff Senior High school
Yuliana Velazquez Magaña	Spanish	South Sioux City High School
Yuliia Mazurenko	Ukrainian	Malcolm Jr/Sr High School
Zazil Reckling	Spanish	Lincoln southeast high school

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