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Dear Superintendent, Principal, and/or Department Chair:

Does your high school(s) have an exemplary world language program? The Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association (PSMLA) annually seeks to identify and publicly recognize excellent foreign language programs across the state. The *PSMLA Exemplary Program (PEP) Awards* are given to schools with well-designed, sequential programs that enable students to attain world language standards, as demonstrated by documentation of criteria described on the PSMLA PEP Rubric (enclosed).

PEP is not a competition.

All high schools (public, private, charter) that apply and meet the criteria will receive an award. They will be featured on the PSMLA website www.psmla.org and in our publications. Exemplary PA world language programs are recognized at four levels: PSMLA Golden Globe, Silver Globe, Bronze Globe, and Globe Awards.

To qualify, a high school must:

- meet or exceed a specified number of program indicators as noted in the PEP Application. All information must be true and accurate for the 2020-2021 and/or 2021-2022 school year as required by PEP instructions. All statistical enrollment data should reflect the current (2021-22) school year.
- have at least one PSMLA member on their staff for the year 2021-2022.
- complete the PEP Application Forms and submit the required supporting documentation which must be signed by the school superintendent, principal, and curriculum specialist/director (or department chair).
- mail (or email) the application postmarked on or before **Saturday, February 12, 2022.**

The awards are in effect for two years and are renewable. If your high school does not meet the criteria for an award at this time, we hope that your district will use the 11 PEP Rubric Program Indicators as a blueprint to make needed improvements.

Notification of the awards will be made by March 30, 2022. Awardees will be recognized at the PSMLA Annual Conference in October 2022.

We hope you will find the information included in this mailing helpful: 1) the PEP Rubric to see where your program stands, 2) a listing of current PEP Awardees, and 3) Foreign Language Education in the News.

Sincerely,

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For more information, please see the www.psmla.org, PEP Awards



**2021 PSMLA SHOWCASE
of
EXEMPLARY FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**



GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, Villanova, 2005-21*
Gettysburg Area High School, Gettysburg Area S.D., Gettysburg, 2015-21
Merion Mercy Academy, Lower Marion S.D., Merion Station, 2015-21
North Hills Senior High School, North Hills S.D., Ross Twp., 2016-21
Owen J. Roberts High School, Owen J. Roberts S.D., Pottstown, 2013-21
Palisades High School, Palisades S.D., Kintnersville, 2020-21
Penncrest High School, Rosetree Media S.D., Media, 2014-21
Pittsburgh Allderdice High School, Pittsburgh S.D., Pittsburgh, 2007-21
Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, Colonial S.D., Plymouth Meeting, 2019-22
Upper Moreland High School, Upper Moreland Twp. S.D., Willow Grove, 2009-21
Upper St. Clair High School, Upper St. Clair S.D., Upper St. Clair, 2019-21
Vincentian Academy, Pittsburgh, 2019-21



SILVER GLOBE AWARDS

Abington Senior High School, Abington S.D., Abington, 2013-21
Chartiers Valley High School, Chartiers Valley S.D., Bridgeville, 2017-21
Gateway High School, Gateway S.D., Monroeville, 2018-21
Greater Latrobe Senior High School, Greater Latrobe S.D., Latrobe, 2019-21
North Allegheny Senior and Intermediate High School,
North Allegheny S.D., Wexford, 2020-21
Saucon Valley Senior High School, Saucon Valley S.D., Hellertown, 2019- 21
Upper Merion Area High School, Upper Merion Area S.D., King of Prussia, 2019 -21



BRONZE GLOBE AWARDS

Great Valley High School, Great Valley S.D., Malvern, 2019-21



GLOBE AWARDS

Boiling Springs High School, South Middleton S.D., Boiling Springs, 2017-21
Delaware Valley High School, Delaware Valley S.D., Milford, 2015-22
Eastern Lebanon High School, Eastern Lebanon County S.D. Myerstown, 2019-21
Honesdale High School, Wayne Highlands S.D., Honesdale, 2020-21
Titusville Area High School, Titusville Area S.D., Titusville, 2017-21

(*Years listed represent years of consecutive PEP Awards.)

These Schools have PEP!