



Division of English Language Learning (DELL)

Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy Newsletter

March 14, 2016

Dear Seal of Biliteracy Coordinators:

ISBE-Sponsored Conferences

2016 Seal of Biliteracy Symposium

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will host a Seal of Biliteracy Symposium from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 12 at National Louis University's Lisle campus, 850 Warrenville Road in Lisle. Please find a draft agenda attached to this newsletter.

You must register for this free event by April 1, 2016 - to register please visit the online registration link at <http://webapps.isbe.net/ISBEConference/>

Space is limited to 200; once capacity is reached, registration will close.

Please email biliteracy@isbe.net or contact the Division of English Language Learning at (312) 814-3850 with any questions.

Assessment

Update on English language assessment

If a student does not take the PSAE/PARCC or ACCESS for ELLs® during high school, how can the student demonstrate English proficiency for the purposes of the Seal or Commendation?

Because of the transition from the PSAE to PARCC in the 2014-15 school year, districts will have graduating seniors in the 2015-16 school year who did not take the PARCC or the PSAE in high school.

A student may use the results of a standardized assessment meeting the requirements of 1.442(a)(1), including the ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL), TOEIC® or TOEFL® to meet the English proficiency requirement for the Seal or Commendation.

A district may choose to use the ACT or SAT college entrance test and determine the minimum score that students must attain to meet the English proficiency requirement defined by the State. The district must maintain evidence that the assessment meets the criteria specified for standardized assessments in 1.442 (a)(1)(A)(iii) and one of the sets of criteria for English proficiency listed in 1.442 (b) and make that evidence available to the State Superintendent of Education upon request.

An updated FAQ reflecting this information will be posted on our site and can be found using this URL by the end of this week: <http://isbe.net/seal-of-biliteracy/pdf/faq.pdf>



Illinois State Board of Education

Division of English Language Learning (DELL) FY16 STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY SYMPOSIUM

National Louis University, Lisle Campus
850 Warrenville Rd, Lisle, IL 60532

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

8:30 – 9:00	INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME RECOGNITION OF DR. JULIO CRUZ <i>David González Nieto, ISBE</i>
9:00 – 10:15	ISBE DELL PRESENTATION WITH QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
10:15 – 10:30	BREAK
10:30 – 11:30	PANEL DISCUSSION – <i>Experiences from Implementing the Seal of Biliteracy Program from Experienced Coordinators</i> <i>Amy Crook, DeKalb CUSD 428; Ariana Leonard, Elmhurst CUSD 205; Mark Onuscheck & Justin Fisk, Stevenson HSD 125</i>
11:30 – 11:45	BREAK
11:45 – 12:45	PANEL DISCUSSION – <i>Building Pathways to Biliteracy</i> <i>Linda Egnatz, Lincoln-Way CHSD 210; Karen Garibay-Mulattieri; Ngoc-Diep T. Nguyen, Northeastern Illinois University; Wilma Valero</i>
12:45 – 1:00	CLOSING REMARKS <i>David González Nieto, ISBE</i>