



Illinois State Board of Education

100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-300
Chicago, Illinois 60601

FY 2019 APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY PROGRAM

DIVISION OF ENGLISH LEARNERS

Under PA 98-0560 public school districts may choose to participate in the State Seal of Biliteracy program to certify the attainment of a high level of proficiency, sufficient for meaningful use in college and a career, by a graduating public high school student in one or more languages in addition to English.

To participate in the program, the district must submit an application to ISBE **each year** and agree to adhere to all program requirements included in 23 IL ADM Code Section 1.442 including:

- Designate at least one individual to serve as coordinator of the State Seal of Biliteracy Program
- Participate in training approved by the State Board of Education prior to awarding the State Seal of Biliteracy
- Inform parents and students about the program by posting required information on the district's website, if the district maintains a website, and in the student handbook
- Utilize one or more of the allowed methods in Parts 1.442 (a) and (b) to evaluate students' qualifications for the State Seal of Biliteracy
- District may also choose to award the State Commendation toward Biliteracy to students who qualify following the methods in Part 1.442(c)(1) and (2)
- Maintain appropriate records in order to identify students who have earned the State Seal of Biliteracy and, if awarded, the State Commendation toward Biliteracy
- Make the appropriate designations on the diploma and transcript of each student who earns the award, and
- Submit an annual report to ISBE no later than 30 days after the end of the school year

If your district intends to participate in 2018-2019, please check (✓) one or both of the options and provide the following information:

- The district plans to participate in the State Seal of Biliteracy Program and agrees to adhere to the program requirements included in 23 IL ADM Code Section 1.442.
- The district also plans to award the State Commendation toward Biliteracy to students who meet the requirements included in 23 IL ADM Code Section 1.442.

Provide projections of the number of graduates to receive the State Seal of Biliteracy and the number to receive the Commendation toward Biliteracy by language of biliteracy (other than English). A template that districts may use for the application is posted on the Seal of Biliteracy webpage: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Seal-of-Biliteracy.aspx>.

DISTRICT NAME AND NUMBER	DISTRICT ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)
NAME OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	SUPERINTENDENT'S E-MAIL
NAME OF COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)
TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)	COORDINATOR'S E-MAIL

Signature of Superintendent

Date

Return this form and the report of projections to: biliteracy@isbe.net