



100 North First Street, E-240
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

**FY 2026 APPLICATION FOR NONPUBLIC
PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE SEAL
OF BILITERACY PROGRAM**

MULTILINGUAL / LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Under PA 98-0560 nonpublic schools 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 high school student in one or more languages in addition to English.

To participate in the program, the school must submit an application to ISBE **each year** and agree to adhere to all program requirements included in [23 Ill. Admin. Code Section 680.20](#) 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 school's website, if the school maintains a website, and in the student handbook
- Utilize one or more of the allowed methods in Parts 680.20 (a) and (b) to evaluate students' qualifications for the State Seal of Biliteracy
- Schools may also choose to award the State Commendation toward Biliteracy to students who qualify following the methods in Part 680.20 (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 school intends to participate in 2025-2026, please check (✓) one or both of the options and provide the following information:

- ☐ The school plans to participate in the State Seal of Biliteracy Program and agrees to adhere to the program requirements included in 23 Ill. Admin. Code Section 680.20.
- ☐ The school also plans to award the State Commendation toward Biliteracy to students who meet the requirements included in 23 Ill. Admin. Code Section 680.20.

By checking this box, the school assures ISBE that the designated coordinator, at minimum, has watched the training webinar for SY 25-26.

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Additionally, schools must 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). The template for the report that schools must use for this part of the application is posted on the Seal of Biliteracy webpage under the blue bar that states "Nonpublic Schools Only: Resources for Program Implementation."

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| SCHOOL NAME | SCHOOL ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code) |
| NAME OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR | SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S EMAIL |
| NAME OF PROGRAM COORDINATOR | COORDINATOR'S EMAIL |
| TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) | RCDT CODE |

Original or Electronic Signature of School Administrator

Date

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