Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy

Division of English Language Learning
Illinois State Board of Education
Overview

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Instituted in Illinois in 2014, “the State Seal of Biliteracy is established to recognize public high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English”

(105 ILCS 5/2-3.159)
The Commendation Towards Biliteracy is awarded to students who demonstrate progress towards biliteracy but do not fully meet the requirements of the Seal of Biliteracy.

(23 Ill. Adm. Code 1.442(c))
New District Applications

- Application materials found at https://goo.gl/ECK9yL
  - See section “Administration of Program”
- Submit at biliteracy@isbe.net
Districts must inform ISBE of their intent to participate in the Seal of Biliteracy program annually by completing and submitting the SY2017-18 Application (in PDF format) and the SY2017-18 Projection of Student Awards (in Excel format) below. Submit both files to biliteracy@isbe.net.

1. SY2017 - 18 State Seal of Biliteracy Application
2. SY2017 - 18 Application Projection Template

- Districts applying after October 1, 2017 must also send:
  1. the web link to the Seal of Biliteracy program description on the district's website; and a copy of the Seal of Biliteracy program description included in the student handbook; and
  2. assurance that the program coordinator participated in the 2017-18 webinar posted on this web page under Training.
STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY AND COMMENDATION DATA SY15-18
Report SY15

Seal of Biliteracy

- 504 awards
- 15 school districts
- 10 languages

Additional Represented Languages
- Arabic
- Japanese
- Russian
- Serbian

Commendation Towards Biliteracy

- 214 awards
- 14 school districts
- 6 languages

Languages:
- Spanish: 90%
- French: 2%
- Chinese: 3%
- German: 2%
- Latin: 2%
- Other: 1%

Languages:
- Spanish: 68%
- French: 15%
- Chinese: 4%
- German: 11%
- Italian: 2%
Report SY16

**Seal of Biliteracy**
- 2,693 awards
- 44 school districts
- 17 languages

**Commendation Towards Biliteracy**
- 959 awards
- 32 school districts
- 9 languages

**Additional Represented Languages**
- Albanian
- Arabic
- Bulgarian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Serbian
- Ukrainian

Spanish 86%

Other 2%
Chinese 3%
French 4%
German 1%
Latin 2%
Polish 2%
Report SY17

Seal of Biliteracy
- 4,444 awards
- 70 school districts
- 18 languages

Additional Represented Languages
- American Sign Language
- Arabic
- Bulgarian
- Hebrew
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Serbian
- Vietnamese

Spanish 85%

Commendation Towards Biliteracy
- 2,601 awards
- 47 school districts
- 14 languages

Additional Represented Languages
- Arabic
- Japanese
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Spanish 79%
Projection SY18

Seal of Biliteracy
- 7,601 awards
- 83 school districts
- 34 languages

Additional Represented Languages
- Albanian
- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Bulgarian
- Farsi
- Greek
- Gujarati
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin
- Lithuanian
- Malayalam
- Marathi
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Serbian
- Slovak
- Tagalog
- Tamil
- Telugu
- Turkish
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Commendation Towards Biliteracy
- 4,328 awards
- 61 school districts
- 18 language

Additional Represented Languages
- Gujarati
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Serbian
- Slovak
- Tagalog
- Telugu
- Turkish
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Spanish 74%

French 10%

German 3%

Chinese 4%

Other 4%

Arabic 1%
SUMMARY DATA SY15-18
Seal & Commendation Awards

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Districts Awarding Seal & Commendation

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Languages Represented in Seal & Commendation Awards

Number of Languages

School Year

2015 2016 2017 Pro2018

Seal

10 17 18 34

Comm

6 9 14 18

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Seal & Commendation Recipients Who Started H.S. as ELs

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Number of Recipients
LANGUAGES WITH HIGHEST REPRESENTATION SY15-18
Spanish Seal & Commendation Awards

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Number of Awards
Chinese* & French Seal & Commendation Awards

*Chinese includes Mandarin and Cantonese
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