



Illinois State Board of Education

Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy

Division of English Language Learning
Illinois State Board of Education

Whole Child • Whole School • Whole Community

Overview

- Seal of Biliteracy and Commendation Overview
- New District Application
- Seal and Commendation Data SY15-SY18

Seal of Biliteracy



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)



Commendation Towards Biliteracy



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



SY2017-18 Application

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

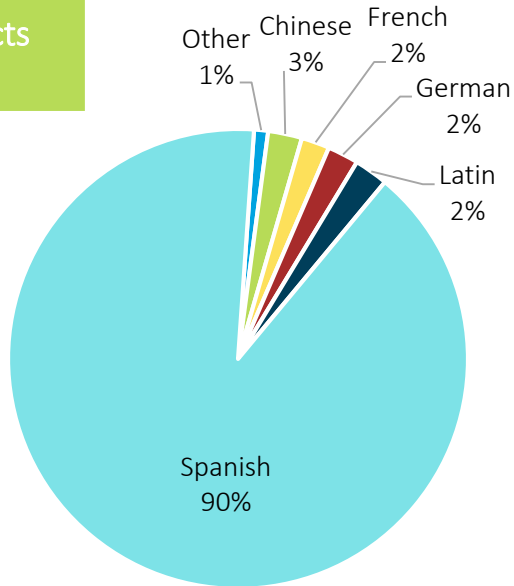


Seal of Biliteracy

- 504 awards
- 15 school districts
- 10 languages

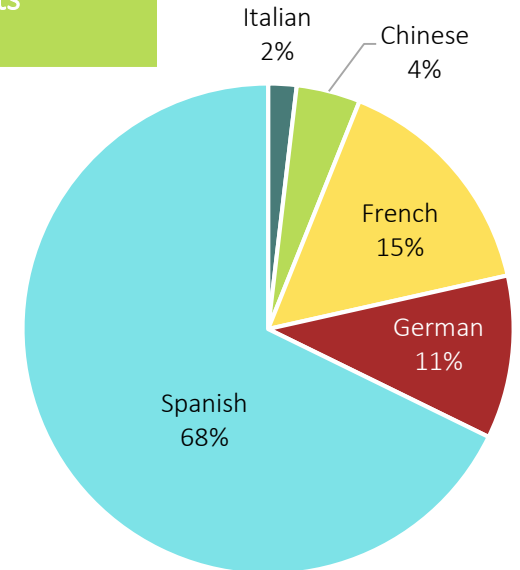
Additional Represented Languages

Arabic
Japanese
Russian
Serbian



Commendation Towards Biliteracy

- 214 awards
- 14 school districts
- 6 languages



Report SY16

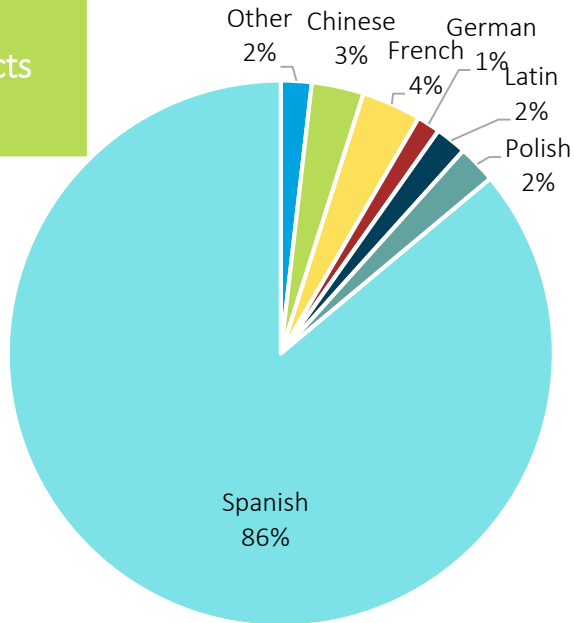


Seal of Biliteracy

- 2,693 awards
- 44 school districts
- 17 languages

Additional Represented Languages

Albanian
Arabic
Bulgarian
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Portuguese
Russian
Serbian
Ukrainian

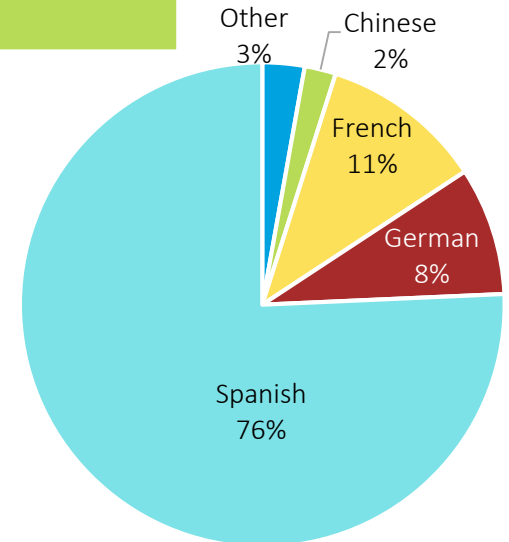


Commendation Towards Biliteracy

- 959 awards
- 32 school districts
- 9 languages

Additional Represented Languages

Arabic
Italian
Latin
Russian



Report SY17

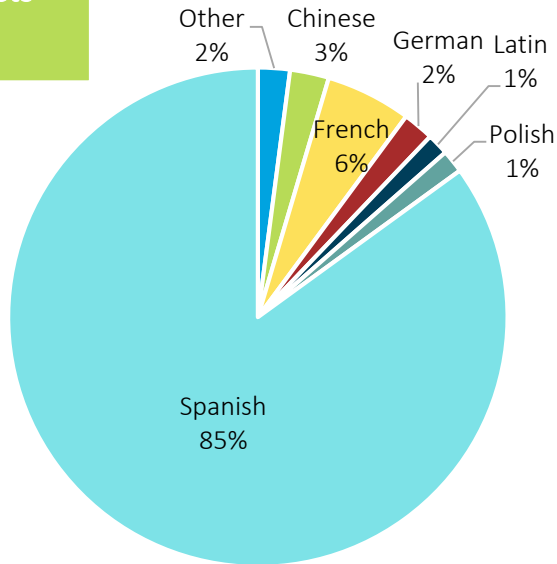


Seal of Biliteracy

- 4,444 awards
- 70 school districts
- 18 languages

Additional Represented Languages

American Sign Language (ASL)	Japanese
Arabic	Korean
Bulgarian	Portuguese
Hebrew	Russian
Italian	Serbian
	Vietnamese

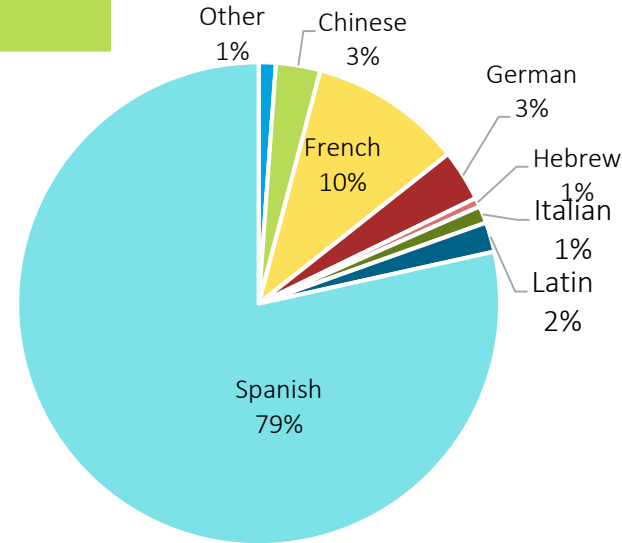


Commendation Towards Biliteracy

- 2,601 awards
- 47 school districts
- 14 languages

Additional Represented Languages

Arabic
Japanese
Portuguese
Russian
Urdu
Vietnamese



Projection SY18

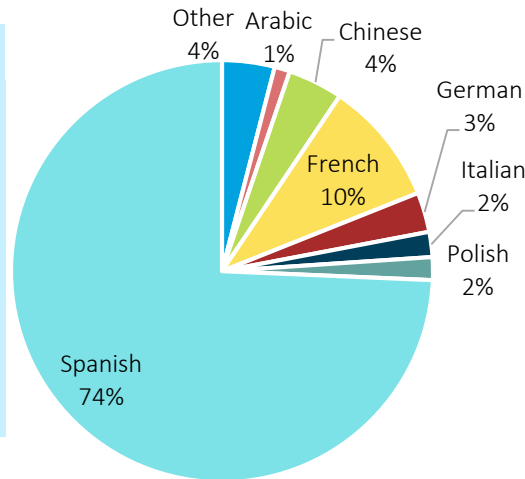


Seal of Biliteracy

- 7,601 awards
- 83 school districts
- 34 languages

Additional Represented Languages

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

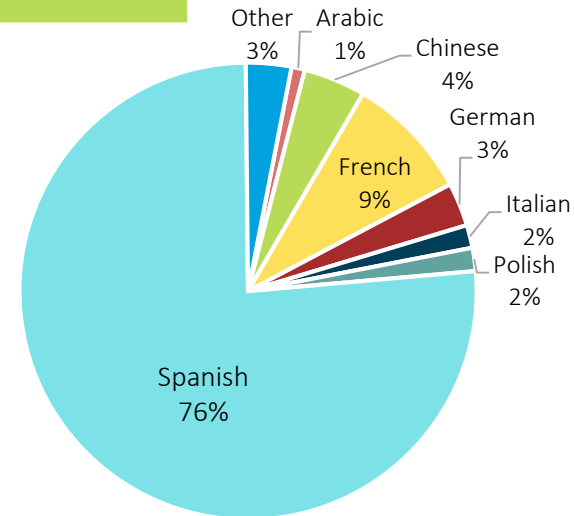


Commendation Towards Biliteracy

- 4,328 awards
- 61 school districts
- 18 languages

Additional Represented Languages

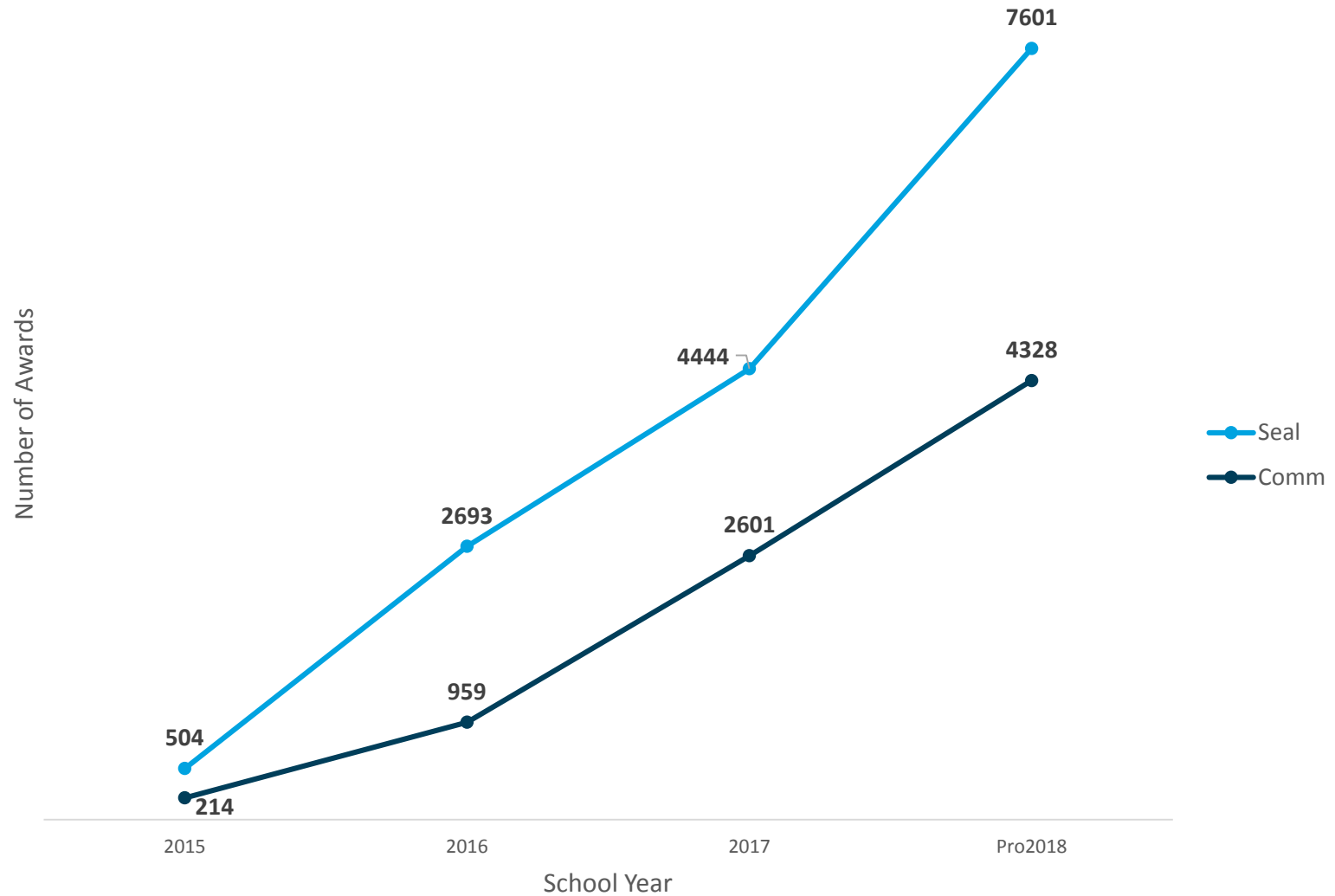
Gujarati	Latin
Hebrew	Portuguese
Hindi	Russian
Japanese	Serbian
Korean	Urdu



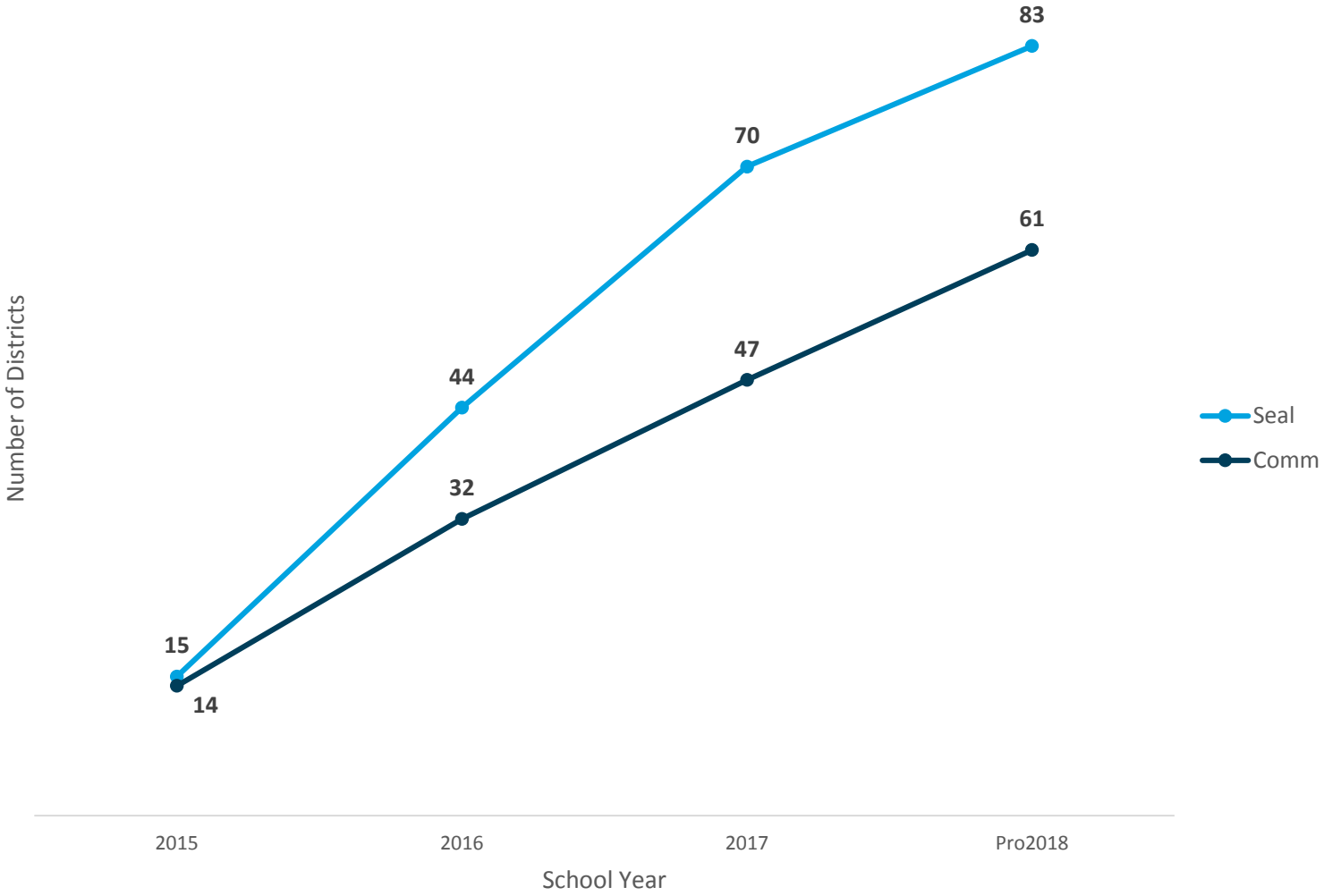
SUMMARY DATA SY15-18



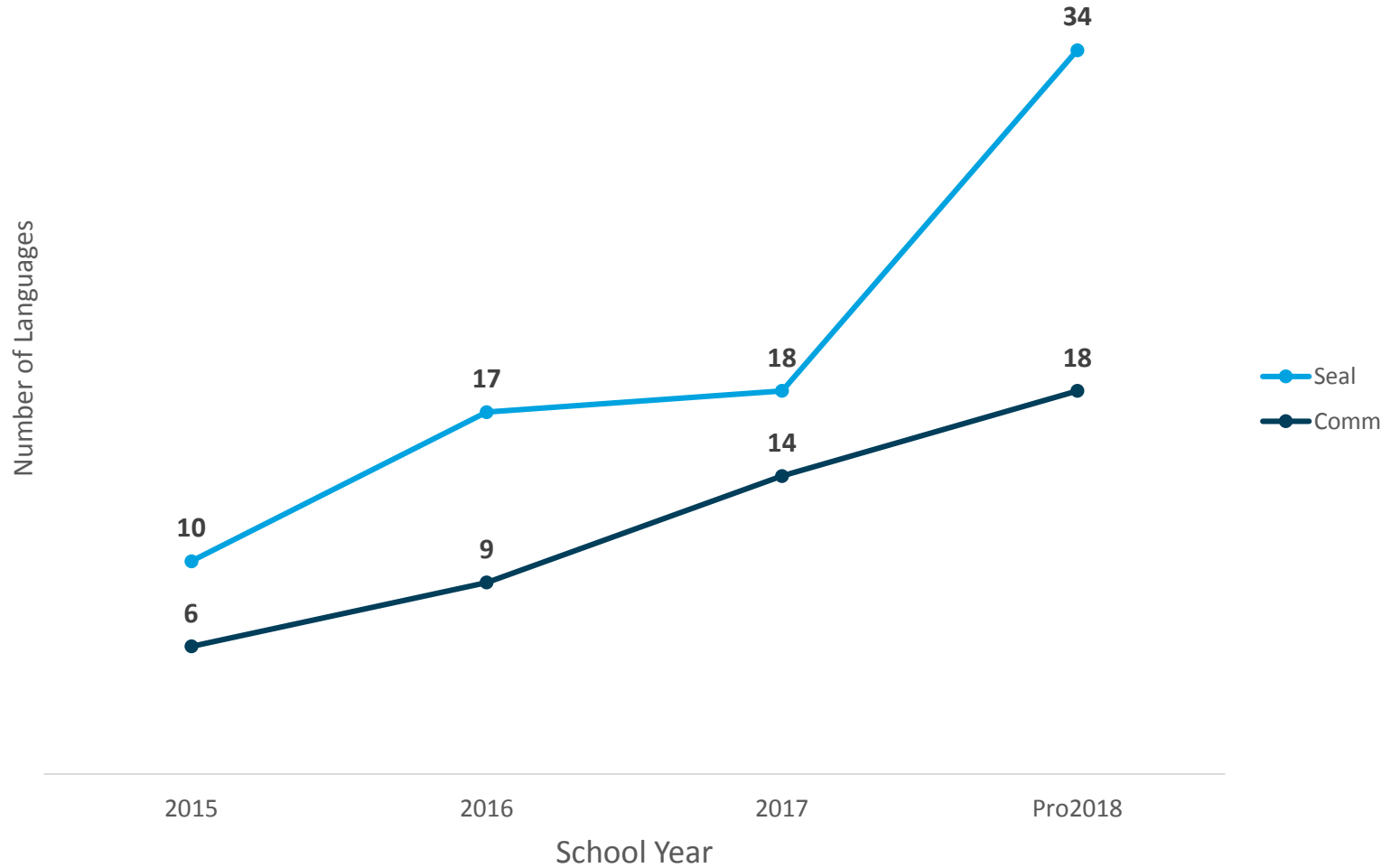
Seal & Commendation Awards



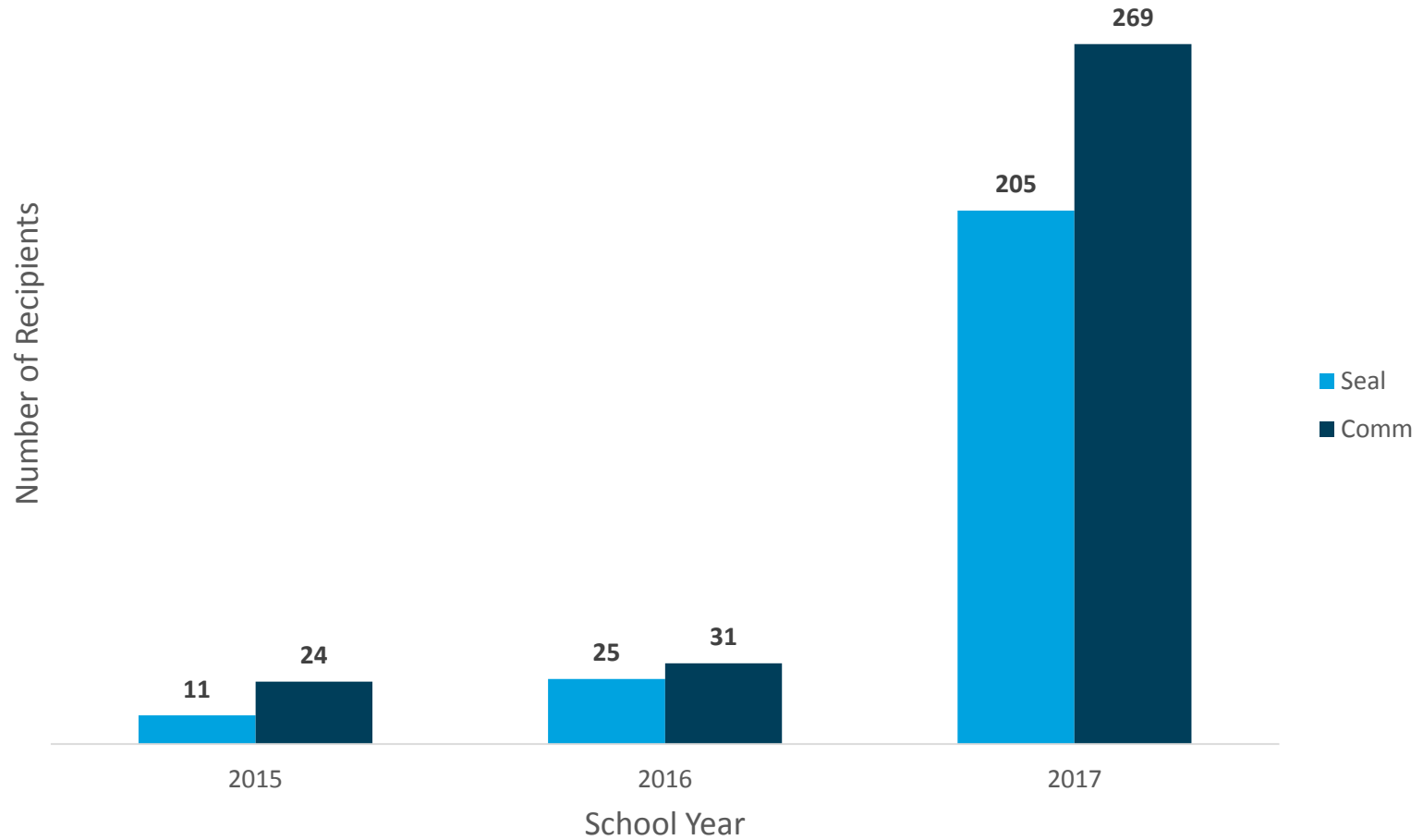
Districts Awarding Seal & Commendation



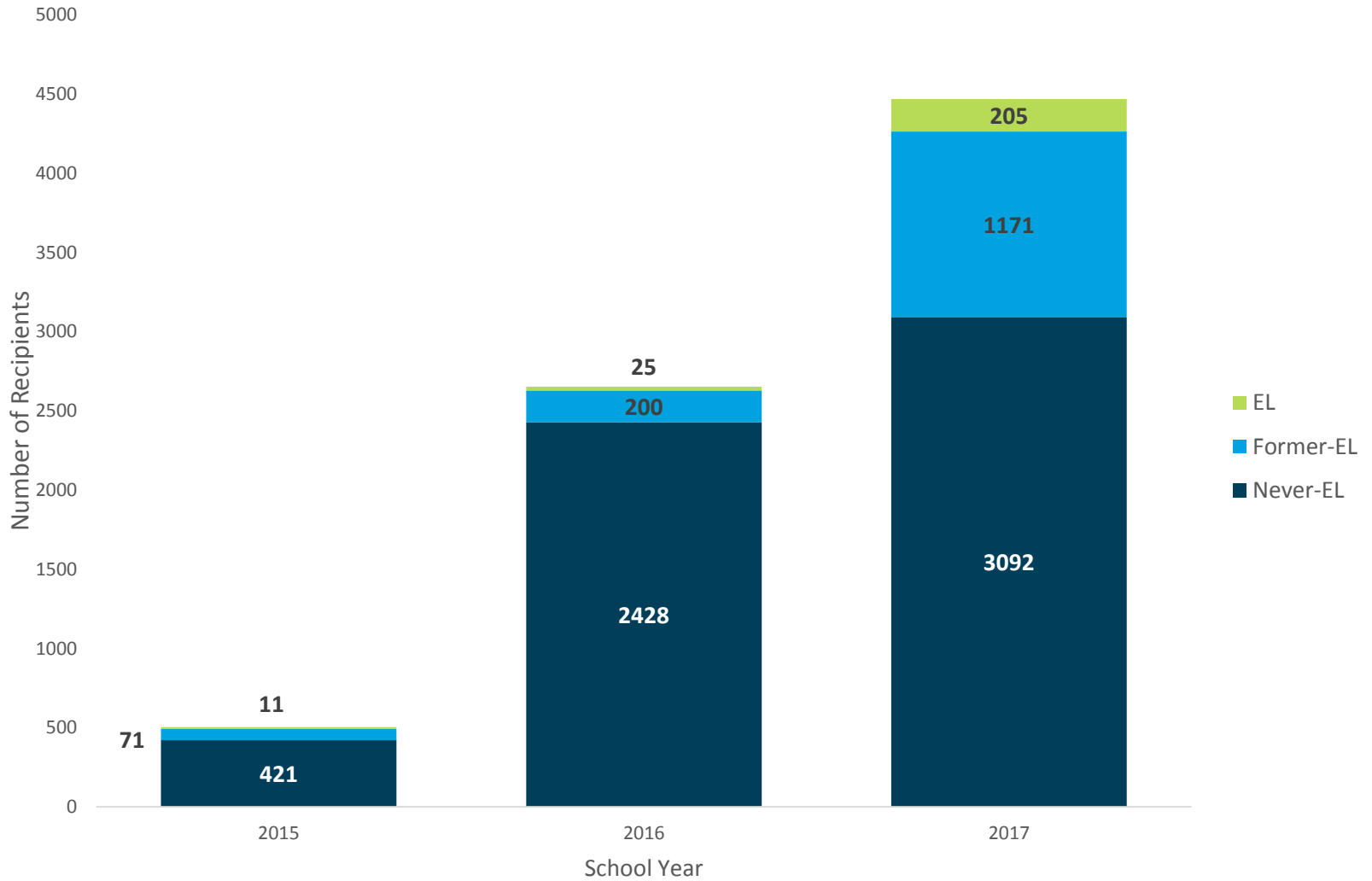
Languages Represented in Seal & Commendation Awards



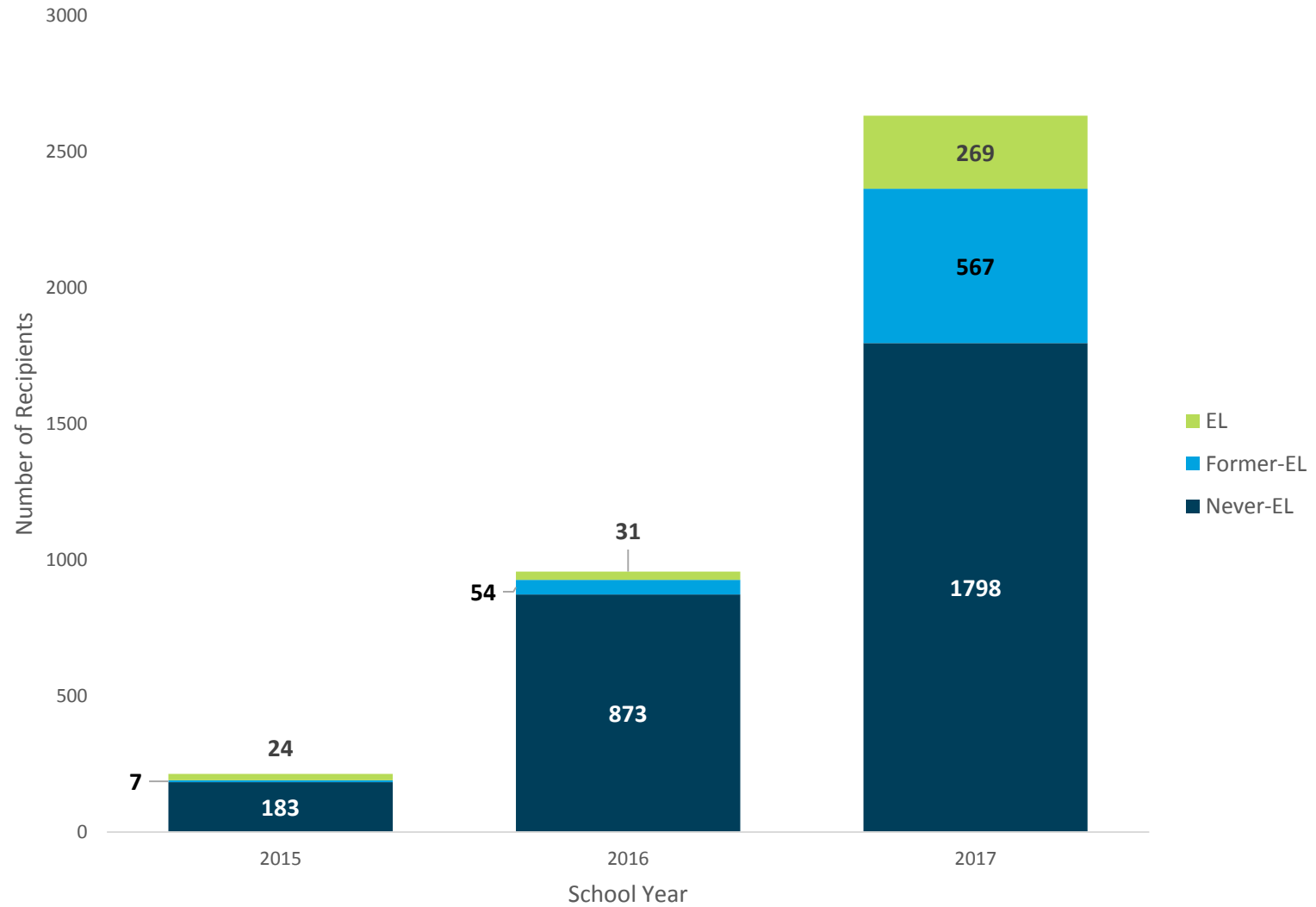
Seal & Commendation Recipients Who Started H.S. as ELs



Seal Recipients' EL Status at Start of H.S.



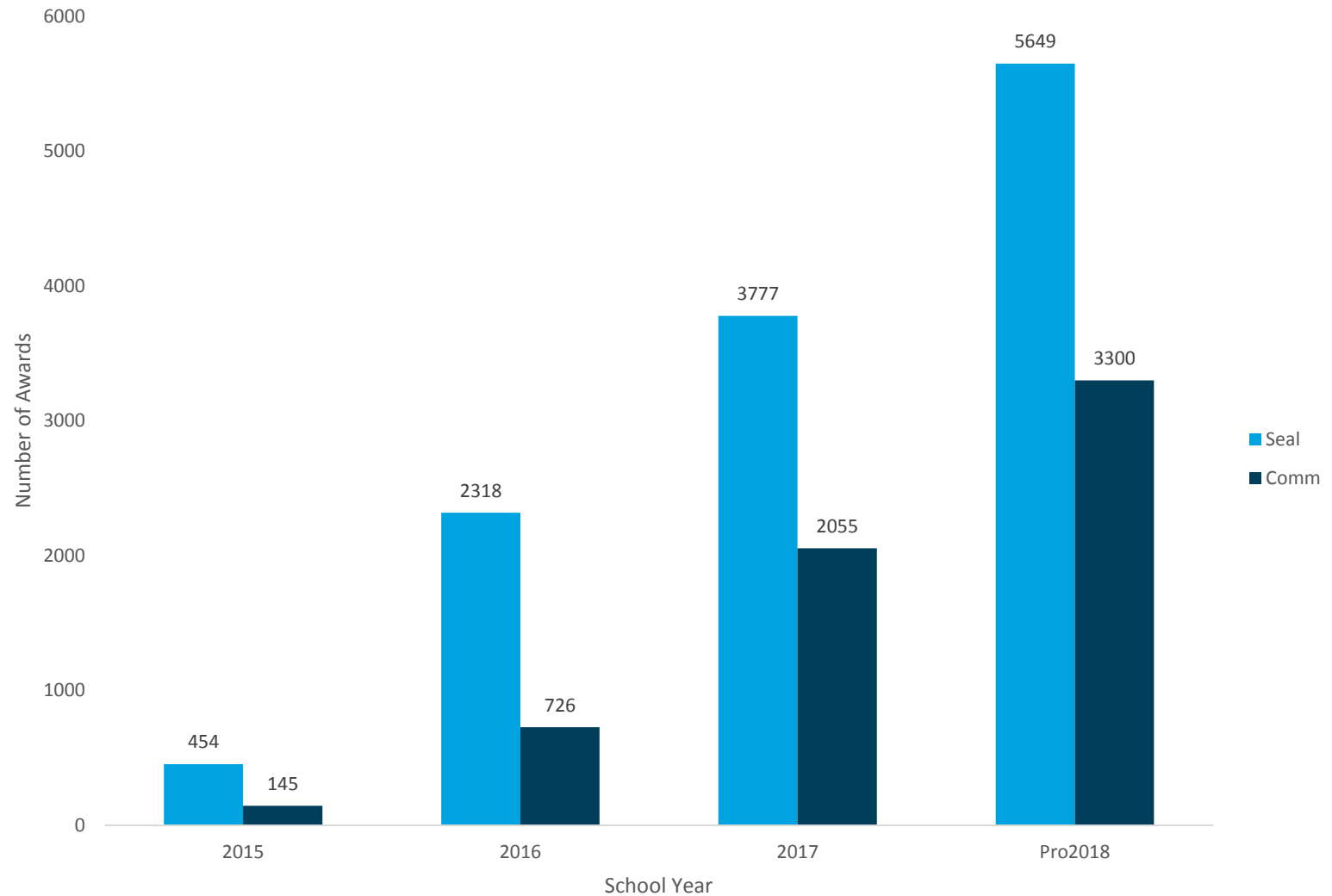
Commendation Recipients' EL Status at Start of H.S.



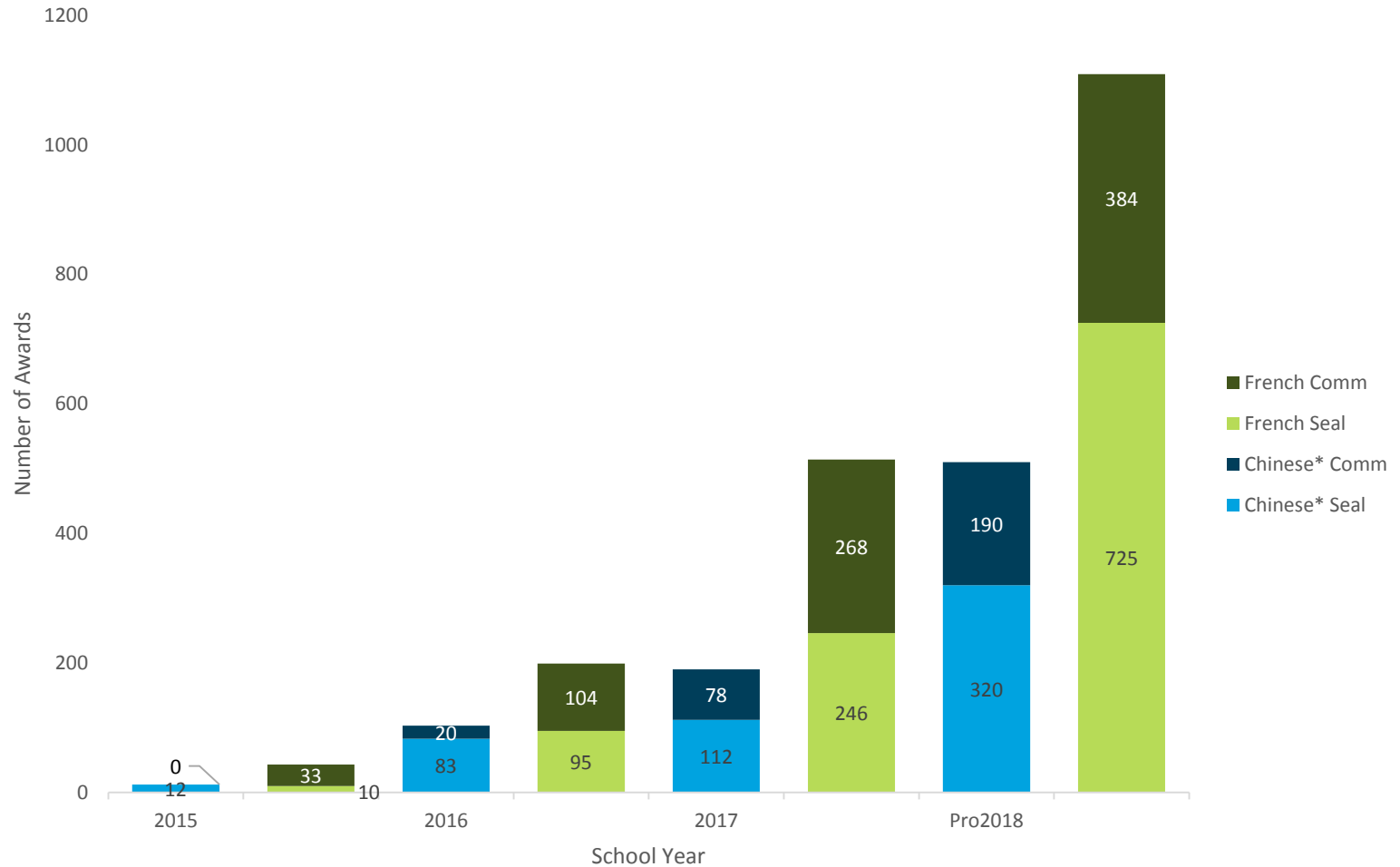
LANGUAGES WITH HIGHEST REPRESENTATION SY15-18



Spanish Seal & Commendation Awards



Chinese* & French Seal & Commendation Awards



Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy

biliteracy@isbe.net

(312) 814-3850



Illinois
State Board of
Education