

Seal of Biliteracy

Indian Prairie CUSD #204

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State Seal of Biliteracy

- Section 2-3.159 of the Illinois School Code
- Section 1.442 of the Illinois Administrative Code

<http://isbe.net/seal-of-biliteracy/default.htm>

What is a Seal of Biliteracy?

- For Illinois public high school graduates who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in four domains in:
 - English, and
 - A language other than English
- Designated on the student's diploma and transcript

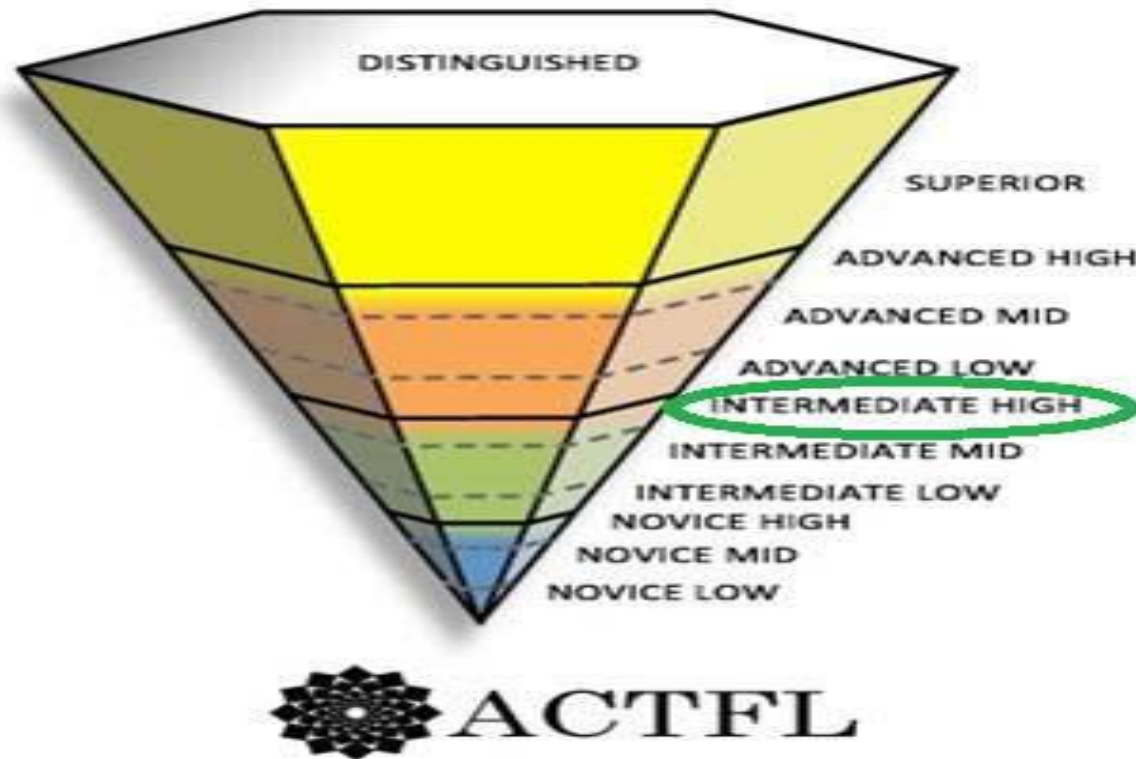
Why a Seal of Biliteracy?

- Encourages the study of other languages
- Benefits to the student
 - Increasing employment and academic opportunities
- Benefits to the global community
 - Communicating with people from other countries
 - Developing economic opportunities

Experience from First Year

- 18 districts participated in 2014-1015
 - Reported to date (August 2015)
 - 494 students received the Seal of Biliteracy
- Languages
 - Mostly Spanish
 - Also Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Latin

Language Assessments



2012 Proficiency Guidelines of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL)

<http://www.actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-2012>

Foreign/Native Language Proficiency for Seal of Biliteracy

- Attainment of an ACTFL “intermediate high” composite score or its equivalent on an assessment of all four domains: **listening, speaking, reading and writing** in a language other than English identified pursuant to subsection (a)(1).

Examples of Foreign Language Assessments Available in Four Domains

- Advanced Placement (AP) examination
- International Baccalaureate (IB) examination
- ACTFL Assessment of Performance Towards Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL)
- STAMP
- Examinations aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

English Language Proficiency

- Attainment of either a “meets standards” or “exceeds standards” for English language arts on the State assessments administered at the secondary level;
- Attainment of a “proficiency” score on the English language proficiency assessment administered at the secondary level; and,
- Attainment of an “intermediate high” composite score on an assessment in English identified pursuant to subsection (a)(1)

Assessments to Measure English Language Proficiency

- ISBE website lists acceptable English language assessments for students who are learning English as a second language.

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Designation

- The school district will place a designation of the receipt of the State Seal of Biliteracy in the student's permanent record on the academic transcript and include the designation on the student's diploma
- May be awarded and affixed to the diploma and added to the transcript after graduation for students who take language exams during their senior year and do not receive results prior to graduation

How Would a Student Apply?

- After information from World Language teachers, ELL teachers and Guidance Counselors:
 - Students may request to take district provided assessments
 - Students are responsible for providing proof of approved tests with application
 - Applications are reviewed at building level
 - Approval is given and information is added to eSchool
 - Seal of Biliteracy is adhered to the Diplomas

Pilot

- 4 languages (Spanish, French, Chinese, German) + English
- 4 volunteer students from each school
- ELL grant will pay for fees of exam for these 12 students
- If those students meet the standards they would qualify to receive the Seal of Biliteracy next year.

District Notification to ISBE

- A participating school district must notify the State Board of Education of its participation in the Seal of Biliteracy program **each year**.

- Districts must also:
 - Assign a Seal of Biliteracy coordinator;
 - Meet the appropriate deadlines for notification and reporting to ISBE; and,
 - Provide information to students and parents

Professional Development

- Training for Seal Coordinators is posted at <http://www.isbe.net/seal-of-biliteracy/default.htm>
- Illinois Seal of Biliteracy Symposium
 - April 12, 2016
 - 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - National Louis University (Lisle Campus)

Questions?



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