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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: High School Principals, School Counselors, World Language Supervisors, Bilingual/ESL Supervisors
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2022-2023 State Seal of Biliteracy Program District Information and Participation

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) announces supports for the implementation of the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy. Graduating high school students who have demonstrated proficiency in English and one or more additional languages are eligible to attain the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy. For detailed information on the criteria, please visit the [NJDOE Seal of Biliteracy webpage](#).

NJDOE Supports

To indicate participation in the State Seal of Biliteracy program, school districts should indicate or update the district Biliteracy Coordinator in the County/District/School (CDS) information system, located on the [NJDOE Homeroom](#) webpage. This information will be used for all communication about the State Seal of Biliteracy.

The NJDOE will host webinars in the coming months to explain the State Seal of Biliteracy program, describe the NJSMART data submission process for districts, and provide updated information about the program. Both the district State Seal of Biliteracy Coordinator and staff members who submit NJSMART data are encouraged to attend the webinar. Registration information for the webinars will be emailed directly to the district Biliteracy Coordinator identified in the CDS system.

Clarification of English Language Arts Proficiency Requirement

Consistent with P.L.2022, c.60, there are no graduation assessment requirements for any student graduating with the class of 2023 (between September 1, 2022, and August 31, 2023). For the 2022-2023 State Seal of Biliteracy program, if 12th graders have otherwise met all English Language Arts credit, curriculum, and attendance requirements for graduation, districts will indicate this in NJSMART by using the **value W** for the **ELA Graduation Pathway Indicator**. The use of any other value in the ELA Graduation Pathway Indicator for the 2022-2023 Seal of Biliteracy program will delay verification for the State Seal of Biliteracy.

Contact Information

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