



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: February 4, 2026  
To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: High School Principals, School Counselors, Bilingual/ESL Supervisors, World Language Supervisors, NJSLEDS coordinators  
From: Jorden Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner  
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Deadline: March 10, 2026, 5 p.m.

## New Jersey Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (NJSLEDS) Reporting for the 2025-2026 State Seal of Biliteracy Program

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) offers graduating high school students the opportunity to attain the [NJ State Seal of Biliteracy](#) by demonstrating proficiency in English and at least one additional language. Students who attain this distinction receive a Department-issued certificate and transcript notation indicating the awarding of the NJ State Seal of Biliteracy in the spring.

By March 10, 2026, at 5 p.m., local educational agencies (LEAs) must report Seal of Biliteracy data **only** for graduating 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and adult high school students through the NJSLEDS Student Management submission. Users with NJSLEDS access can log in through [myNewJersey](#) to report data. Additional resources are available on the [NJSLEDS User Resources Website](#).

- **For LEAs participating** in the Seal of Biliteracy program, the [NJSLEDS Point of Contacts](#) (POCs) and Biliteracy POCs should work together to collect and report the data below. To receive the Seal designation, proficiency must be demonstrated in the following areas:
  1. At Intermediate Mid linguistic proficiency level (or higher) in the world language assessed using a NJDOE-approved assessment.
    - For students achieving Intermediate Mid proficiency or higher, enter Biliterate = Y and fill in the corresponding World Language Assessment and World Languages Assessed category/categories.
  2. In English, by meeting the [English language arts \(ELA\) graduation requirements](#):
    - All ELA graduation pathways must also be entered.
- **For LEAs not participating** in the Seal of Biliteracy program, a value of “N” for the Biliterate field should be reported for all students in Grade 12 and adult high school students **only**.

NJSLEDS will host “Student Management: Seal of Biliteracy” webinars from January 2026 through the beginning of March 2026. Please visit the [NJSLEDS Trainings and Webinars](#) page to register. *Please note* for the 2025-2026 data submission, additional validation rules have been added to improve data quality.

Users will receive errors if they:

- Report values in the WorldLanguageAssessment or WorldLanguage fields when the Biliterate field has a value of N;
- Report the same language more than once in the WorldLanguage fields;
- Report a value of “eng” (code for English) in the WorldLanguage fields;
- Report a value of “lat” (code for Latin) in a WorldLanguage field when the corresponding WorldLanguageAssessment is not a valid Latin assessment (ALIRA, STAMP LAT, or OTHER); or,
- Report a value of “sgn” (code for American Sign Language) in a WorldLanguage field when the corresponding WorldLanguageAssessment is not a valid American Sign Language assessment (AAPPL ASL, ASLPI, SLPIASL, STAMP ASL, or OTHER).

For information about the NJ State Seal of Biliteracy and the criteria to receive this designation, please visit the [NJ State Seal of Biliteracy](#) webpage. Please direct questions to the Office of Standards at [worldlang@doe.nj.gov](mailto:worldlang@doe.nj.gov).

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