



STATE OF NEW JERSEY 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, Adult High School Principals, CTE Administrators, School Counselors, World Language Supervisors, Bilingual/ESL Supervisors
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2026–2027 State Seal of Biliteracy Program Participation and Updates

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce support for the implementation of the 2026–2027 New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy. Graduating high school and adult high school students who demonstrate proficiency in English and one or more additional languages are eligible to earn the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy. For detailed information on eligibility criteria, please visit the [New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy webpage](#).

To participate in the State Seal of Biliteracy program, school districts should identify or update their designated Biliteracy Coordinator in the [County/District/School \(CDS\) information system](#). This information will be used for all communication about the Seal of Biliteracy. For additional assistance, please consult the [CDS Manual for Regular School Districts and Charters](#).

NJDOE will host several webinars for implementing the Seal of Biliteracy, which are now open for registration; please see the [NJDOE's Calendar of Events website](#) to register. Webinars will be held on **October 14, 26, and 28, 2026, and November 16, 2026**. In addition, office hours will be held on **October 29, 2026**. Please see the [NJDOE's Calendar of Events website](#) to register for these office hours.

Additional supports are offered throughout the year and available on the [New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy](#) webpage under "Resources."

The [New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy](#) is now recognized as a Tier 1 Industry-Valued Credential (IVC) for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs of Study. This designation reflects the growing demand for multilingual employees across sectors including healthcare, business, hospitality, public service and logistics. As a Tier 1 IVC, the Seal of Biliteracy may contribute to CTE credential attainment outcomes while recognizing language proficiency as a valuable career asset across industries.

To streamline reporting, NJDOE will cross-reference Career and Technical Education student data submitted by Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) with Seal of Biliteracy recipients, eliminating the need for duplicate submissions. Recognition of the Seal of Biliteracy as a Tier 1 IVC will be

reflected in [School Performance Reports](#) under College and Career Readiness, where it will contribute to both the Seal of Biliteracy and Career and Technical Education reporting categories.

Contact Information

For questions regarding the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy, contact SealofBiliteracy@doe.nj.gov.

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