



Seal of Biliteracy at TESOL 2018

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History of Seal of Biliteracy



- Glendale Unified School District
 - Bilingual Competency Award, 2003
- Californians Together & Velazquez Press
 - 2010
- NABE, ACTFL and TESOL
 - 2014, 2015, 2016



3 Ways States Establish the Seal of Biliteracy



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Through
Legislation Process

California

New York

Florida

2

Through
School Board Education Code

Oregon

3

Through
Department of Education Policy

Wisconsin

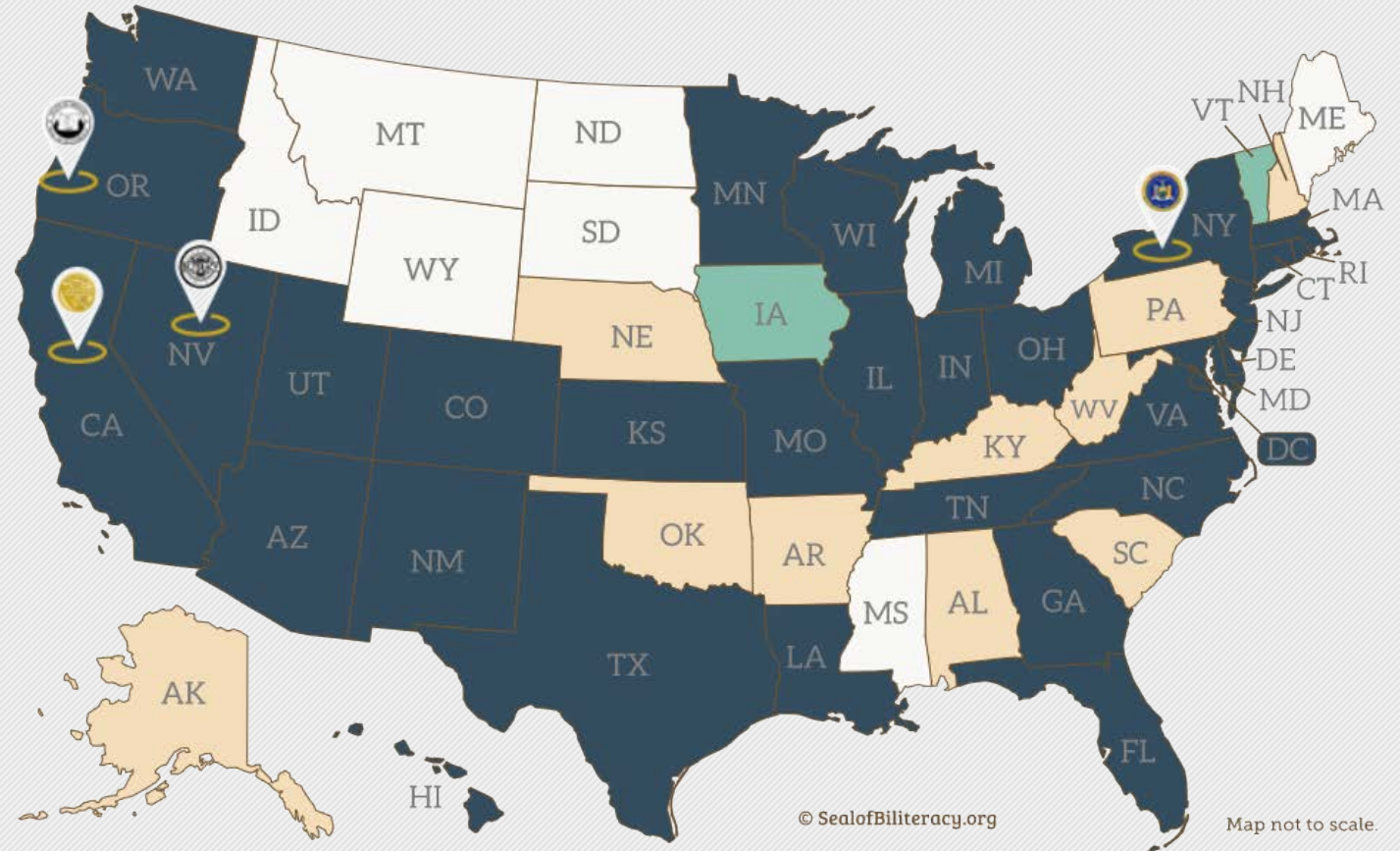
2017 Seal of Biliteracy update



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1	California	October 8, 2011	26	Colorado	March 30, 2017
2	Texas	June 10, 2013	27	Connecticut	June 6, 2017
3	New York	July 31, 2013	28	Delaware	July 21, 2017
4	Illinois	August 27, 2013	29	Missouri	October 12, 2017
5	New Mexico	March 8, 2014	30	Massachusetts	November 22, 2017
6	Washington	March 27, 2014	31	Michigan	January 25, 2018
7	Louisiana	May 16, 2014	32	Tennessee	January 31, 2018
8	Minnesota	May 16, 2014			
9	Washington DC	December 4, 2014			
10	North Carolina	January 20, 2015			
11	Virginia	March 23, 2015			
12	Indiana	May 7, 2015			
13	Nevada	May 30, 2015			
14	Hawaii	June 16, 2015			
15	Wisconsin	October 1, 2015			
16	Utah	December 4, 2015			
17	New Jersey	January 19, 2016			
18	Florida	April 14, 2016			
19	Oregon	April 14, 2016			
20	Maryland	April 26, 2016			
21	Georgia	May 3, 2016			
22	Arizona	May 12, 2016			
23	Kansas	May 17, 2016			
24	Rhode Island	June 17, 2016			
25	Ohio	March 1, 2017			

● Approved State Seal
 ● Under Consideration
 ● Early Stages
 ○ No Seal of Biliteracy, Yet!



Help your states establish the Seal of Biliteracy



- I. Build Coalition and Taskforce
e.g. MA Language Opportunity Coalition
- II. School Pilot Programs
- III. Decide the pathway for Seal of Biliteracy
(Legislation/Education Code/Policy)
- IV. Find supporters
- V. Spread the word



Challenges in Implementing the Seal of Biliteracy



- Privileges and/or Equity
- Stakeholder and politics
- Budget
- English Only Mentality
- Need more research
- Resources (medals, outreach, state collaboration)

Opportunities for the Seal of Biliteracy



- Parents, Family and Community Engagement (ESSA)
- Improve high school foreign language curriculum
- Biliteracy for all
- National Seal of Biliteracy
- Dual language school movement

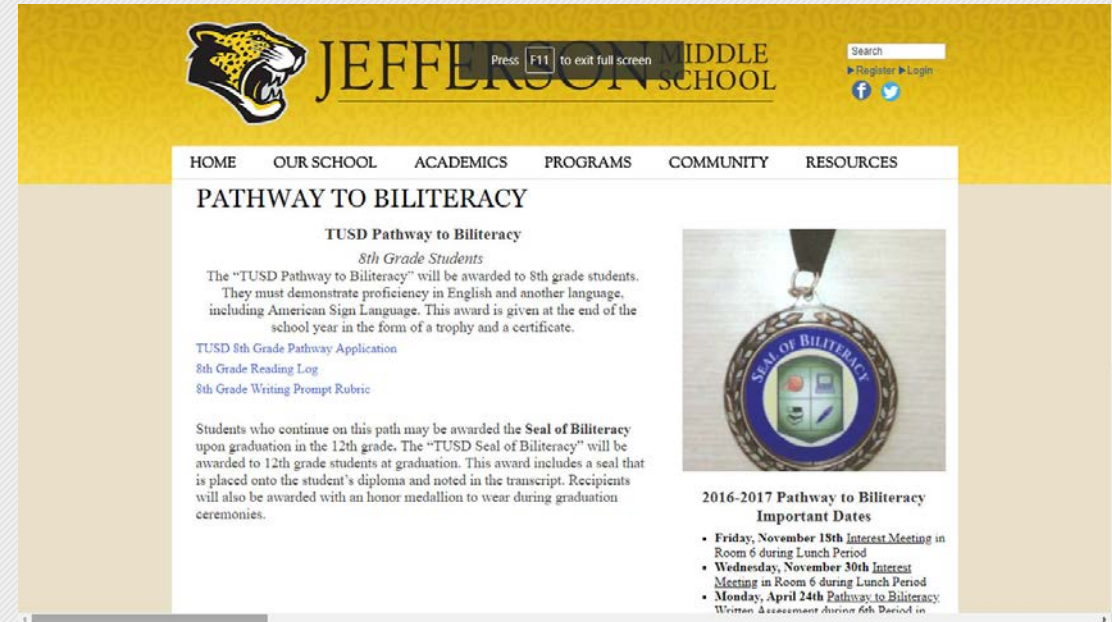
Seal of Biliteracy Pathway Awards



Preschool student from Redwood City School District with "I am Bilingual/Yo soy Bilingüe Award"



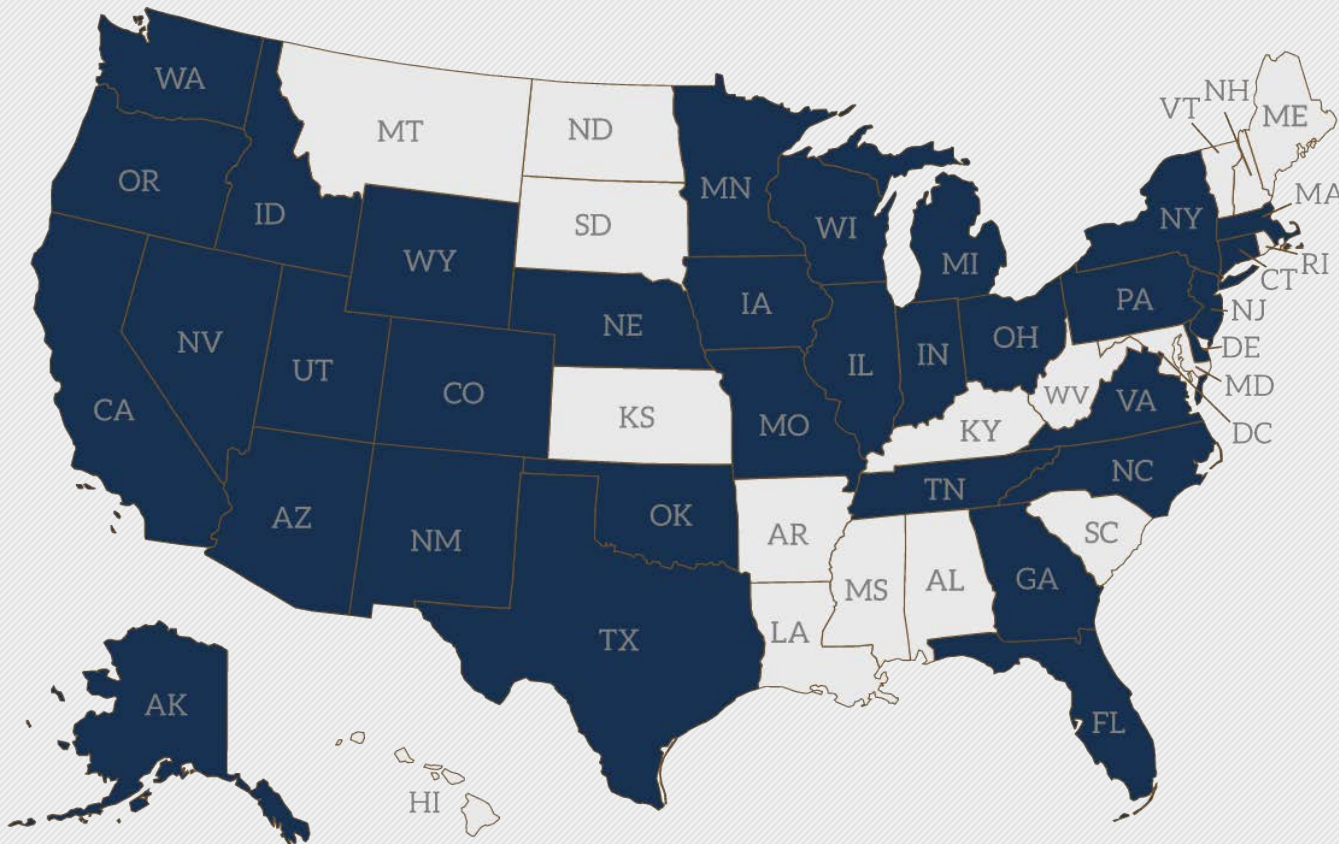
Elementary Bilingual Service and Participation Award (BSPA)



Middle School Biliteracy Attainment Award



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Map not to scale.

- National Dual Language School Directory
- The Dual Language Schools Guide to Start a Successful Dual Language Immersion program
- Job Board
- Community Board (Forum)
- Resource Sharing (Marketplace)

Questions and Answers



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