



What Is a Seal of Biliteracy?

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Alignment to Learning Forward Standards

The new education law, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), redefines professional development with a purposeful influence from Learning Forward.

Learning Forward, a national association recognized as leaders in professional learning, has established standards for professional learning that set a high bar for quality learning experiences.

This session aligns to the following standards:

- **Learning Designs** – *integrates theories, research, and model of human learning to achieve its intended outcomes.*
- **Outcomes** – *aligns its outcomes with educator performance and student curriculum standards.*

Collaboration among National Language Associations



**Common Guidelines for
State and Local Implementation
of
Seal of Biliteracy**



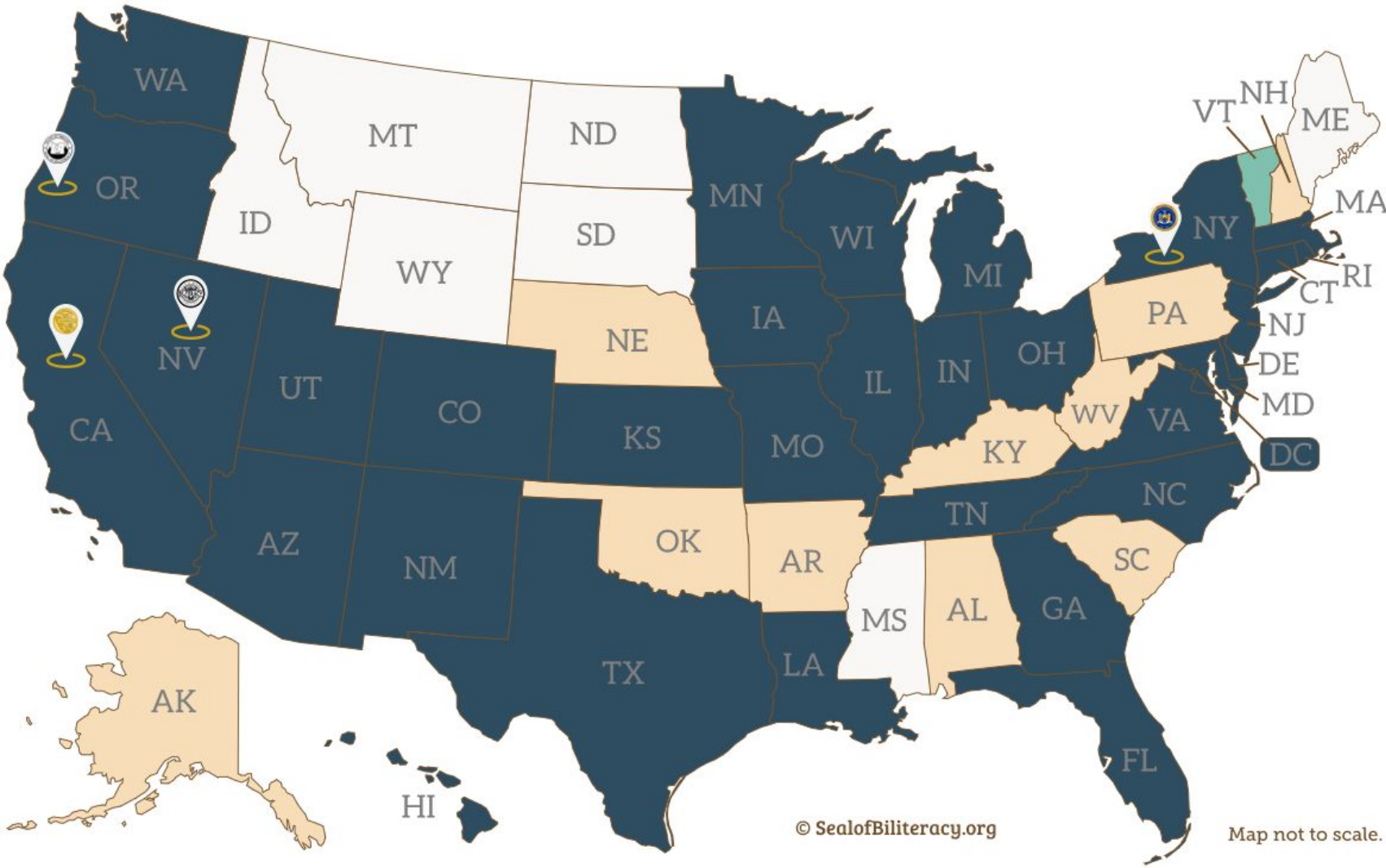
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What is a Seal of Biliteracy?

“The Seal of Biliteracy is an award made by a state department of education or local district to recognize a student who has attained proficiency in English and one or more other world languages by high school graduation. The recognition of attaining biliteracy becomes part of the high school transcript and diploma for these students.... It is a statement of accomplishment that helps to signal evidence of a student’s readiness for career and college, and for engagement as a global citizen.”

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



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**33 States
and
Washington DC**

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Purpose for the Seal of Biliteracy

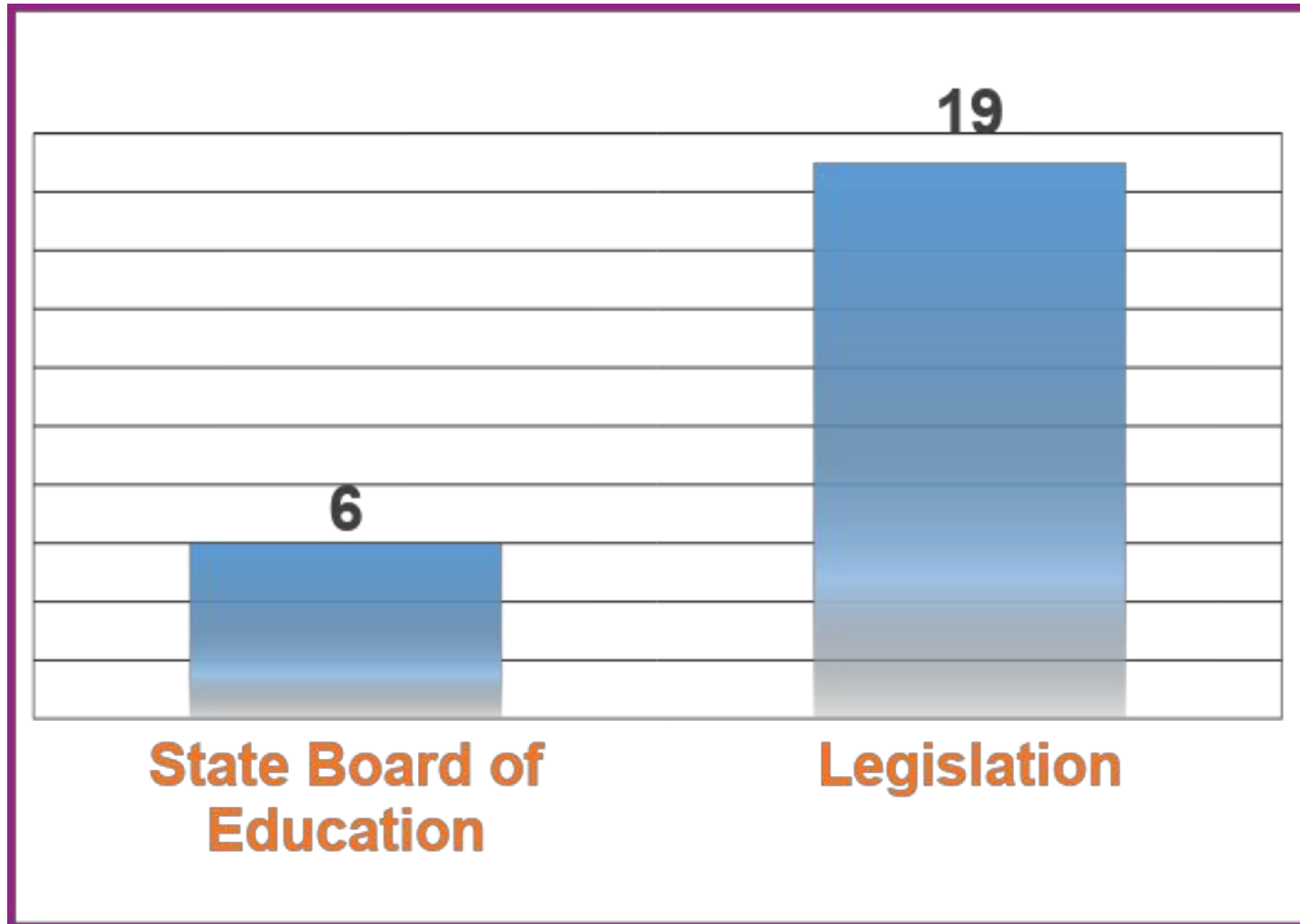
- To **encourage students** to study languages
- To **certify attainment** of biliteracy skills
- To **recognize the value** of language diversity
- To provide employers with a method of **identifying people with language and biliteracy skills**
- To provide universities with a method to **recognize and give credit** to applicants for attainment of high level skills in multiple languages
- To **prepare students with 21st century skills** that will benefit them in the labor market and the global society

6 Steps for Implementation

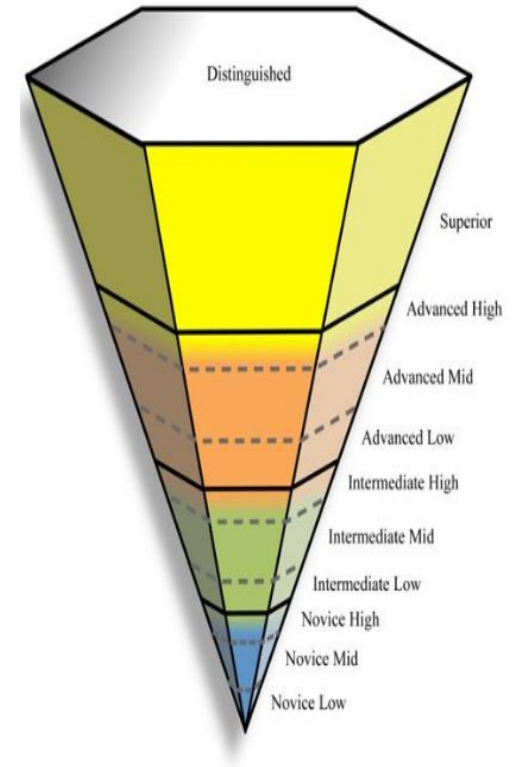
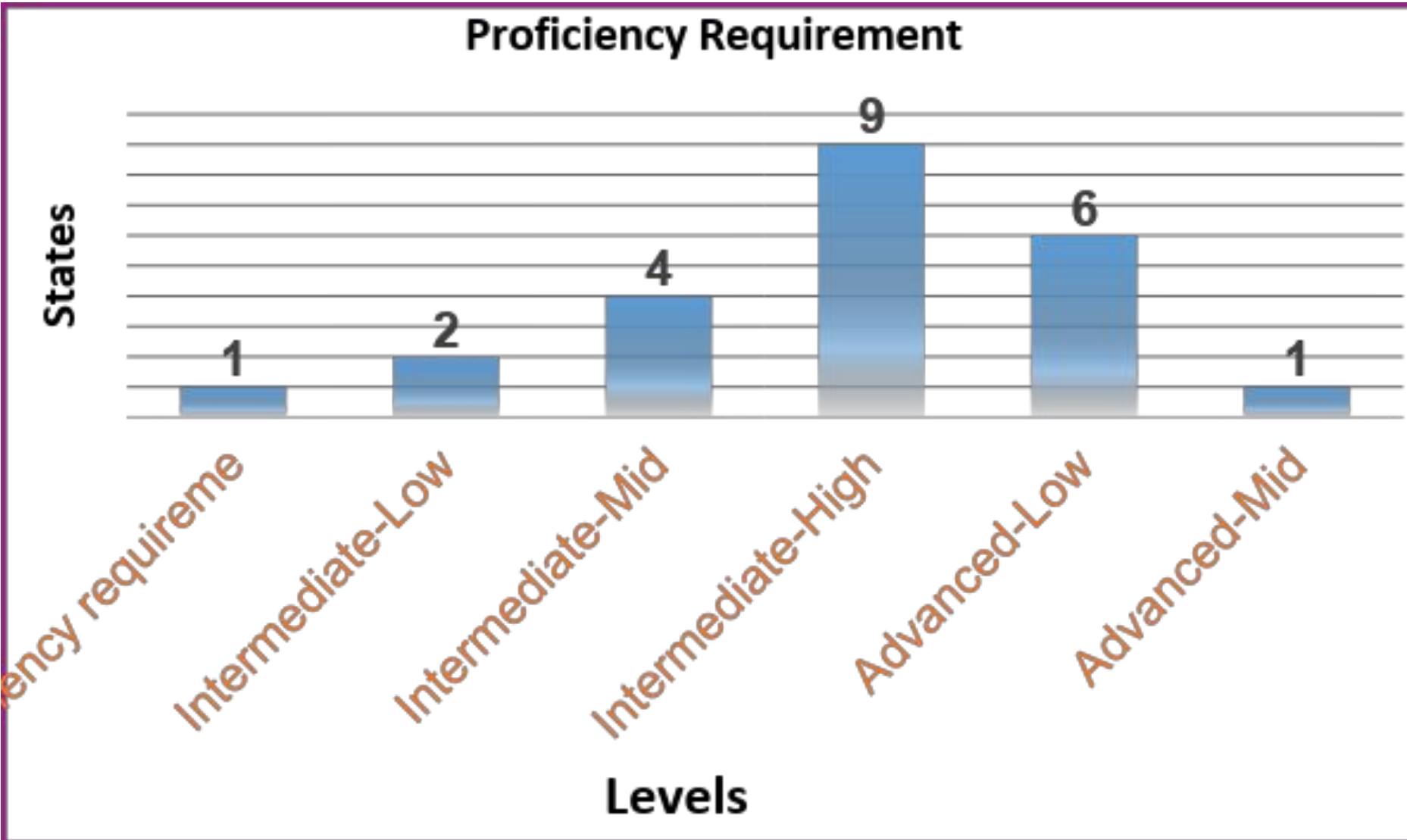
- Clarify the purpose and rationale
- Determine the level of pathway awards to be granted
- Define the criteria for granting the awards
- Develop outreach strategies and an application process
- Design the award and the process for award presentation
- See endorsements! Spread the word!



Method of Passage by 2017



Proficiency Levels



Proficiency Level	State	Method of Passage
Advanced-Mid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisconsin (Distinguished) 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Board of Ed
Advanced-Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kansas (Platinum) 2 • Utah (Platinum) 2 • Minnesota (Platinum) 3 • District of Columbia • Louisiana • Oregon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Board of Ed • Legislation • Legislation • State Board of Ed • Legislation • State Board of Ed
Intermediate-High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisconsin (Seal) • Minnesota (Gold) • Georgia • Illinois • Texas • Maryland • New Mexico • New York • Virginia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Board of Ed • Legislation • Legislation • Legislation • Legislation • Legislation • Legislation • Legislation • Legislation

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Intermediate-Mid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kansas (Gold) • Utah (Gold) • New Jersey • Washington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Board of Ed • Legislation • Legislation • Legislation
Intermediate-Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minnesota (Certificate) • North Carolina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation • State Board of Ed
No proficiency requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation

Who Qualifies for the Seal of Biliteracy?

What is the evidence needed for proficiency in English?

What about languages other than English that don't address all 3 modes of communication?

**Interpretive
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Other questions/concerns?

Feedback or Questions?

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