

# SEAL OF BILITERACY

Geneva BOE Presentation

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# ILLINOIS AND BILITERACY

859 Districts

2 million+ students

49.3% White; 17.5 % Black; 25.1% Hispanic; 4.6% Asian;

3.5% Other

10.3% EL; 14.1% SpEd; 54.2% Low Income

130,000 Teachers

2008-CA; 2011

NY; 2012

IL; 2013

20 States

# WHY?

Encourages the study of other languages

Benefits to students

- Increasing employment and academic opportunities

Benefits to the global community

- Communicating with people from other cultures

- Developing economic opportunities

WHY GENEVA?

Aligns with curriculum to develop effective communicators; global citizens

Authentic learning in class = authentic use outside of class

Opportunity for more than just AP students; prep for college placement exams

# WHAT?

Illinois public high school graduates who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in four domains in: English, and A language other than English

Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening

Designation on student's diploma and transcript

Two recognitions:

Seal of Biliteracy

State Commendation

# HOW?

## Seal of Biliteracy

Obtain composite score equivalent to “intermediate high” on ACTFL and ISBE approved assessment  
Obtain either a “meets standards” or “exceeds standards” for ELA on State assessment

## State Commendation

For those who do not meet “intermediate high”, but attain “intermediate low” or equivalent

# INAUGURAL YEAR...

## State:

496 Seals of Biliteracy

213 Commendations

Languages: Spanish, French, German, Latin, Chinese, Italian

Arabic, Japanese, Russian

## Geneva:

9 Seals of Biliteracy

57 Commendations

70 students took AAPPL test

Languages: Spanish (53), French (12), German (5)

# 2016-2017

## Possible Applicants:

Seniors in Spanish, French, German in Levels IV, IVH, V, VAP  
(representing 18 classes)

If qualify with proficiency in English; students will take  
AAPPL tests over 2 days in Spring 2017

In addition to transcript & diploma; students recognized  
at Senior Awards Night in May