

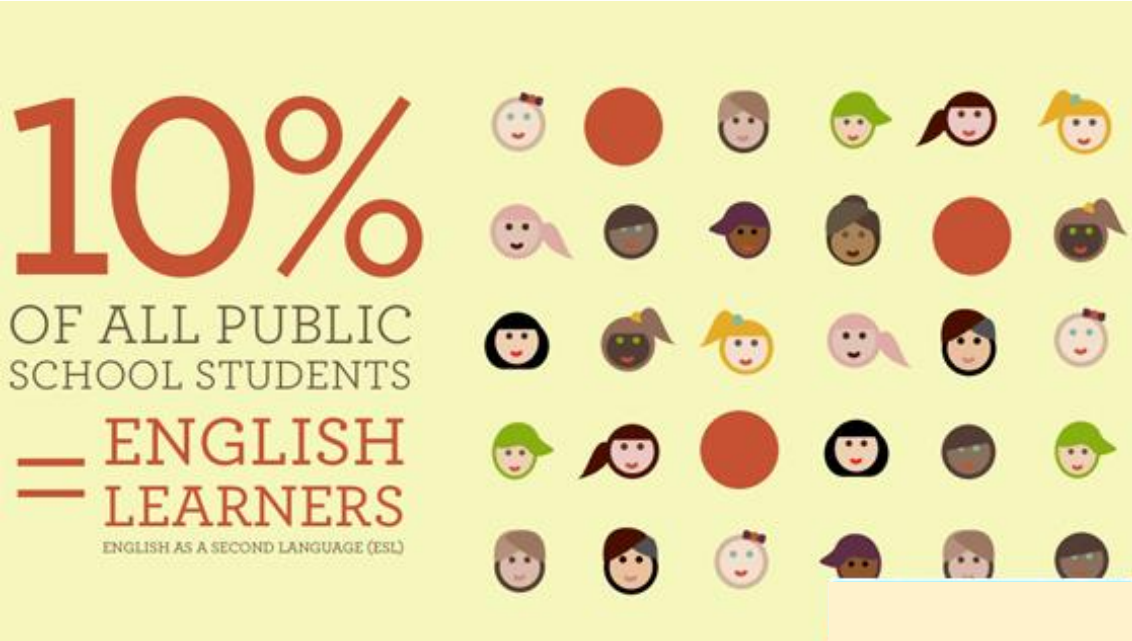


Seal of Biliteracy Information & Implementation

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The Seal of Biliteracy is for everyone!



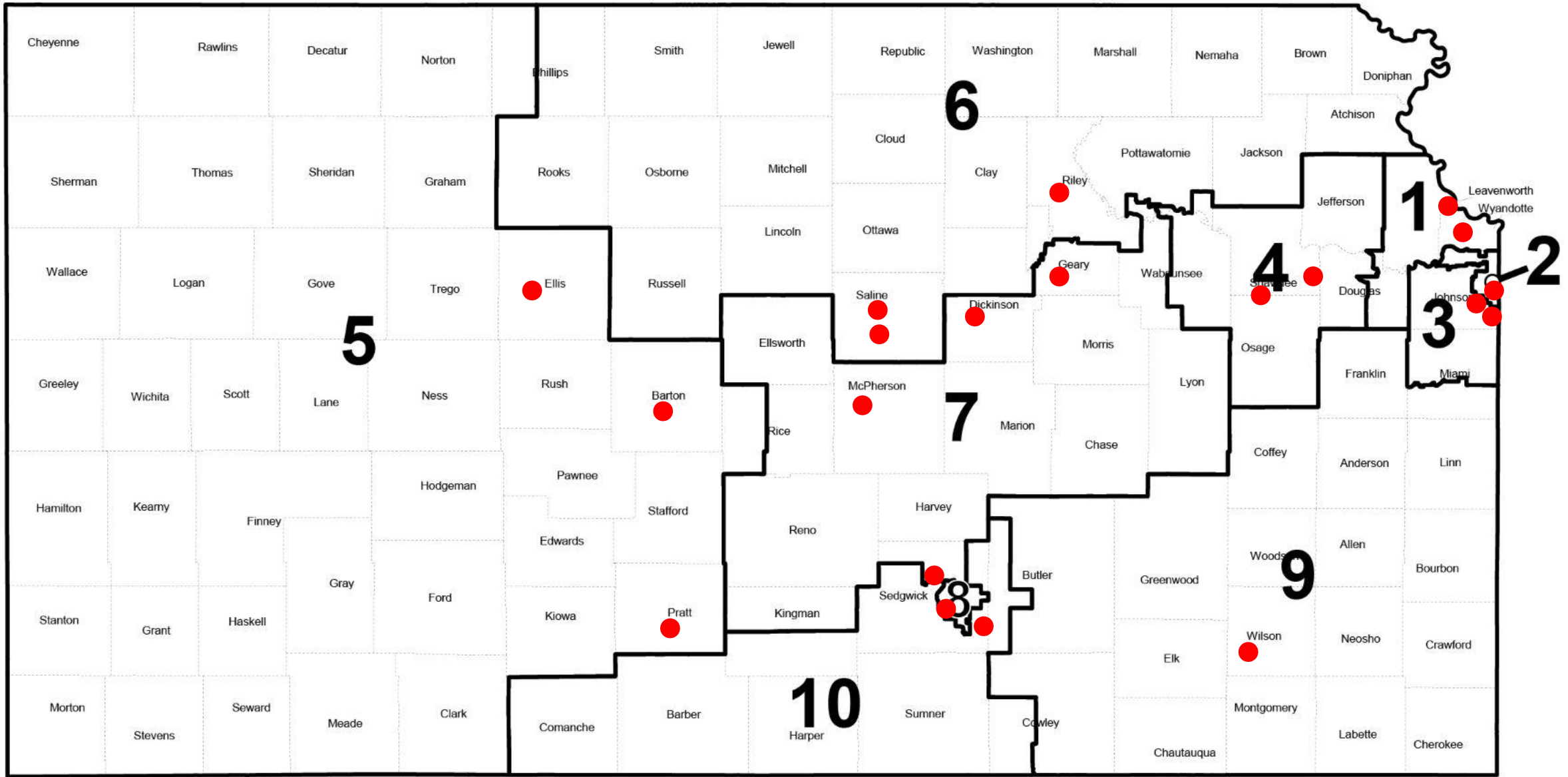
APPROXIMATELY **15%** OF ALL STUDENTS IN KANSAS STUDY A SECOND WORLD LANGUAGE.

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Participating Districts in 2016-2018

1. Abilene
2. Auburn-Washburn
3. Derby
4. Great Bend
5. Hays
6. Junction City
7. Kansas City
8. Leavenworth
9. Macksville
10. Maize
11. Manhattan-Ogden
12. Moundridge
13. Neodesha
14. Olathe
15. Pratt
16. Salina
17. Shawnee Mission
18. Southeast of Saline
19. Topeka
20. Wichita



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Seal of Biliteracy Certificates Earned

- 282 Certificates in 2018
- 208 Certificates in 2017

Languages Represented

- Spanish: 205
- French: 54
- German: 14
- Latin: 5
- Japanese: 3
- Arabic: 1

Platinum and Gold Certificates

- **The Platinum Certificate is...**

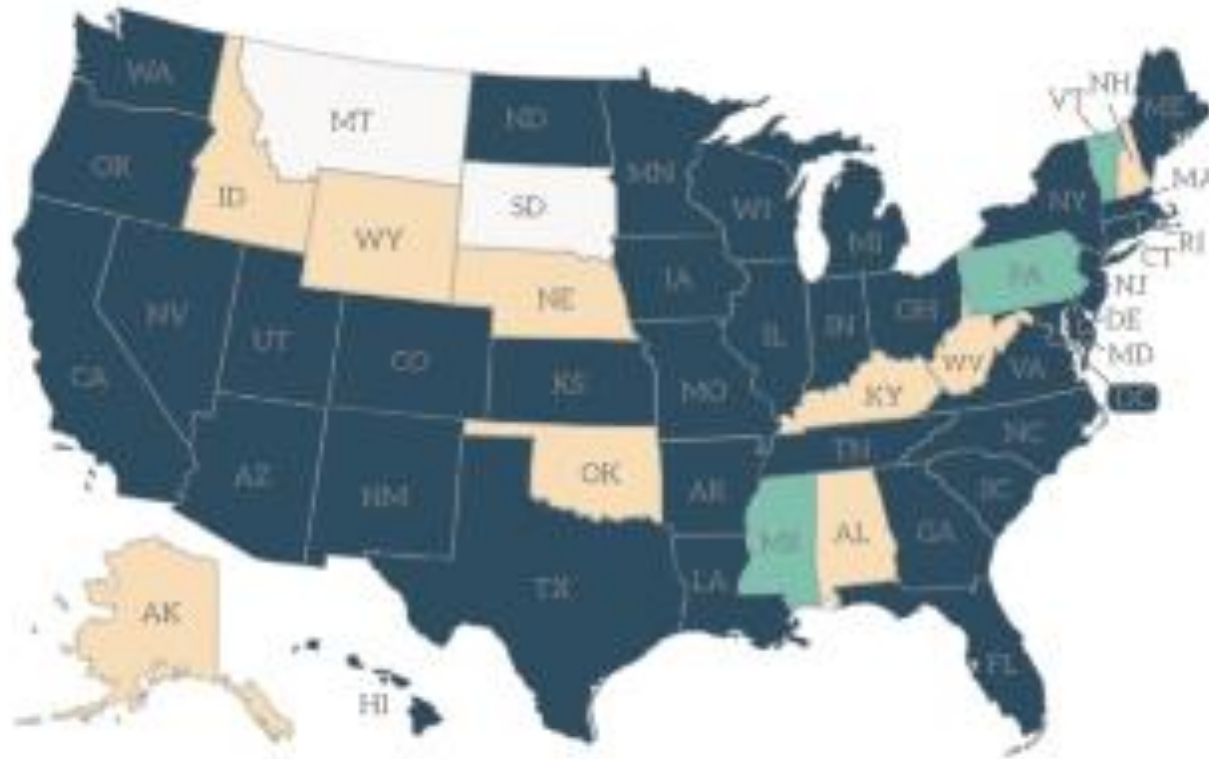
- **comparable** to an undergraduate major
- **earned** mostly by heritage speakers and students in districts with 6-8 year world language programs and International Baccalaureate programs
- **equates** to the proficiency level needed to be a K-12 language teacher, police officer, nurse, social worker

- **The Gold Certificate is**

- **earned** mostly by students with 4 years of high quality, communicative approach, high school instruction
- **equates** to the proficiency level needed to survive and cope in that language and/or to work as a cashier, sales clerk, volunteer, tourism industry

Seal of Biliteracy State Updates

● Approved State Seal ● Under Consideration ● Early Stages ●



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- Post bulletin board of students who have earned the Seal of Biliteracy in high school, middle school, and elementary schools.
- Add short personal narratives in both languages. Adjust to a level appropriate for elementary students.
- Add some bios to the bulletin board of some graduates who have gone on to use their language skills by combining it with their career, study abroad, travel, and/or volunteering.

ELs & Supporting First Languages

- Invite parents to read stories aloud in your classes in Spanish, or to other school events in other languages: Vietnamese, Tagalog, Pawnee...
- Build a little free library in front of the school and stock it with books in different languages for your school's students' first languages and to expose students to other forms of writing.
- Let students know that their first languages are important and beautiful.
- Make a bulletin board of students who earn the Seal of Biliteracy each year.



Steps to Implementation

1. **Identify students** (World Language learners and English Learners) who are good candidates.
2. Present the initiative to the **School Board** for approval and adoption.
3. Make sure the district includes the Seal of Biliteracy on the students' **transcripts**.
4. Decide which **approved assessments** your students will take. See the Seal of Biliteracy Guidelines document [here](#).
5. Submit assessment results and student information on the **Excel spreadsheet** and send password protected to KSDE.
6. Send **password** in a separate e-mail.
7. **Celebrate** students achievements at graduation ceremonies, awards ceremonies, order regalia from sealofbiliteracy.org.
8. **Promote** with posters, bulletin boards, videos, at parent-teacher conferences.

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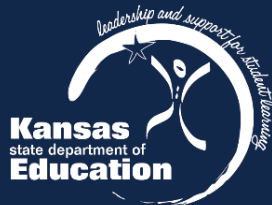
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