



# **ILLINOIS STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY**

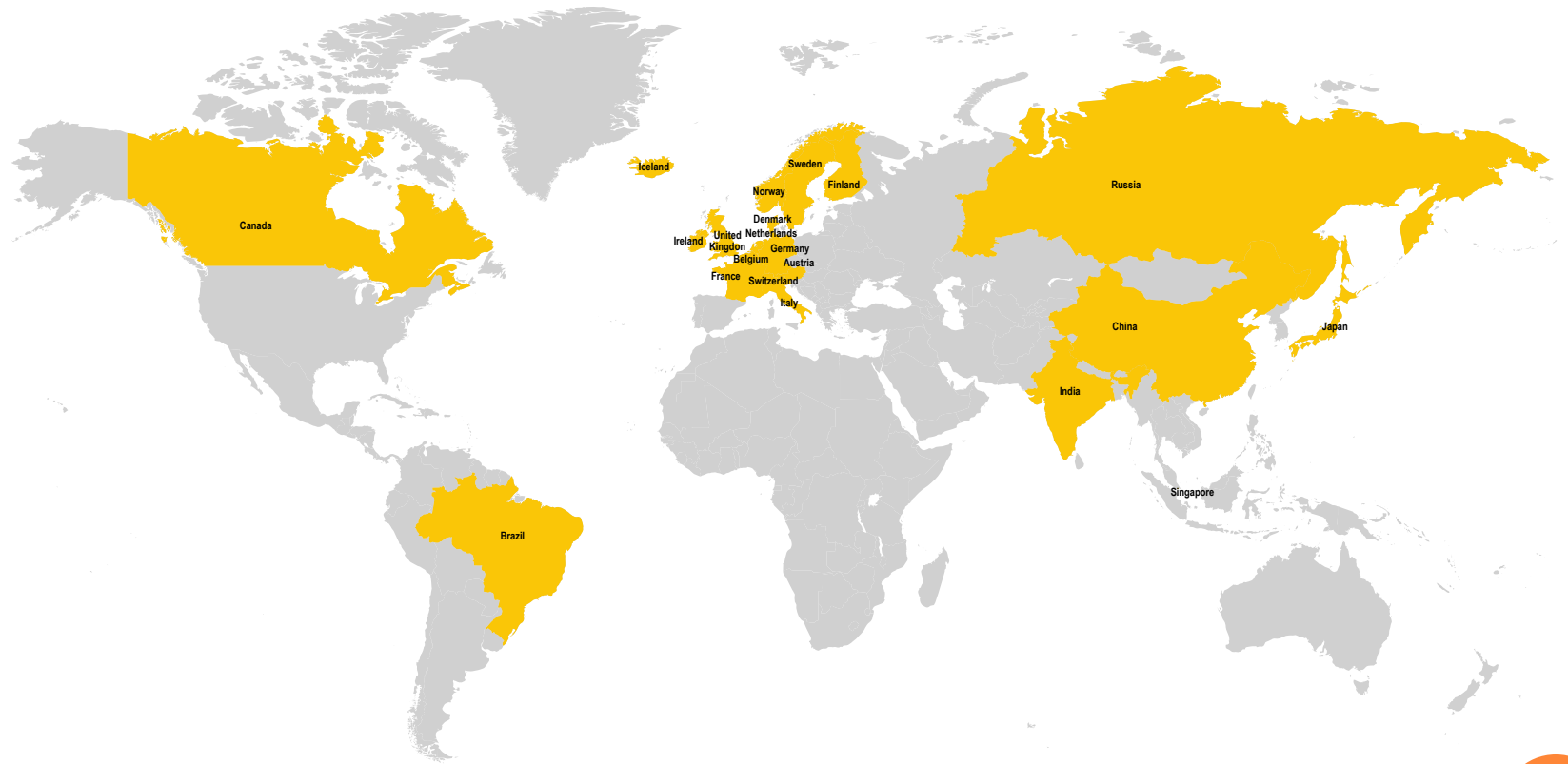
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# K-12 FOREIGN LANGUAGE LEARNING



# CITIZENS COMFORTABLE CONVERSING IN A SECOND LANGUAGE



10%

10% native born U.S.  
citizens feel comfortable  
conversing in a language  
other than English

Source: 2010 U.S. Census



54%

54% of Europeans  
feel comfortable  
conversing in a  
second language

Source: European Commission, 2012



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- On August 27, 2013, Illinois signed Public Act 98-0560 into law to establish the State Seal of Biliteracy



# Seal of Biliteracy

School District U-46 is offering the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy program to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in

- English
- A language other than English



# Benefits of awarding the seal:

- Certify attainment of biliteracy
- Provide a postsecondary institution with a method of recognizing an applicant with biliteracy skills
- Provide employers with individual with biliteracy skills
- Recognize and promote world language instruction in public schools
- Affirm the value and diversity, honor multiple cultures and languages and strengthen the relationship between cultures in a community



# DESIGNATION

Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy affixed to the student's diploma and statement reflected on the transcript



# COMMENDATION

- The district may also choose to offer a State Commendation toward Biliteracy to any student who fails to meet the requirements of subsection (a) but attains a score of “intermediate low,” or its equivalent, in the target foreign language assessment.





# Eligibility to Apply

To be eligible to apply for the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy, students must:

- Have gained proficiency in English and a language other than English (LOTE) by the end of their High School career



# NEXT STEPS

- Test registration
- Administration date, October 17- Nov. 3, 2017 and Mach 12-23, 2018
- Exam proctored by classroom teacher
  - Four domains: reading, writing, listening and speaking
- District paid exam



# RESOURCES

- AAPPL (ACTFL Assessment of Performance Toward Proficiency in Languages) demo test
- STAMP (STAndards-based Measurement of Proficiency) for **Japanese** only
- ISBE Seal of Biliteracy list of assessments



QUESTIONS?

