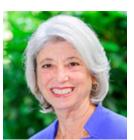
NEW JERSEY SEAL OF BILITERACY



Signed into law on January 26, 2016

Congratulations

Dr. Shelly Spiegel-Coleman Californians Together



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXXkm7kWDtI&feature=youtu.be

Significance of the Symbols on NJ Seal of Biliteracy

Created and designed by Erika Gallagher

- Half of the bottom bough is made of oak leaves.
 NJ's state tree is the northern red oak, so those leaves symbolize the state.
- The other half of the bottom bough is made of laurel leaves. Historically, laurel leaves have been a symbol of victory. A crown of laurel leaves was given to the victor of the Pythian games, an ancient Greece forerunner of the modern Olympic games. Winners received a wreath of bay laurel.
- The book represents an educated population.
- The globe represents a bilingual world.
- The colored version is yellow and blue because the flag of the state of NJ is yellow. Blue was chosen as a contrasting color.

NJ is one of 22 states to adopt the Seal of Biliteracy





Initial Committee members 2013

- Dr. Mary Curran, Rutgers University, Graduate School of Education
- Cheri Quinlan, NJ Department of Education World Languages
- Lori Ramella, NJ Department of Education, Office of Title I, Bilingual Department
- Jean Modig, Past President of FLENJ
- Elizabeth Franks, NJTESOL-NJBE

Executive Boards of FLENJ and NJTESOL/NJBE

Erika Gallagher, designer and creator of the NJ Seal of Biliteracy

2013



2016

To our beginning seven pilots districts

District	Superintendent	Director/Supervisor	
Linden *	Danny A. Robertozzi, Ed. D.	Alphonsina Paternostro	
Mahwah *	C. Lauren Schoen, Ed. D.	Miriam Lezanski	
Perth Amboy*	Dr. David A. Roman	Lillianne Cruz-Argemil	
Plainfield *	Anna Belin-Pyles	Phillip Williamson, Ed. D.	
Princeton	Dr. Steve Cochrane	Priscilla Russel	
Vineland *	Mary Gruccio, Ph. D	Joanne Negrin, Ed. D.	
Washington Twp *	Joseph N. Bollendorf	Rosemarie Armstrong	

^{*} Core Six districts that participated for all three years



KUDOS to our First "Seal of Biliteracy" Recipients

- **185** students from **seven** districts attained required proficiency in two (or more) languages!
- Ten languages were represented in our first cohort: Spanish, French, Mandarin, Italian, Russian, German, Arabic, Japanese, Swahili and Latin.

Enhorabuena

Glückwünsche





We add six more pilot districts

District	Superintendent	Director/Supervisor	
Egg Harbor Township	Dr. Scott McCartney	Michelle Schreiner, Ed. D.	
Ocean City	Dr. Kathleen Taylor	Terri Brennan	
Red Bank Regional	Thomas Pagano (Interim)	Robert Donohoe/Rose Powers	
Ridgefield Park	Eric W. Koenig	Melissa Cavins	
South Hunterdon	Louis Muenker, Ed. D.	William Ross	
Westfield	Dr. Margaret Dolan	Robert Roth	

Seal of Biliteracy 2014-2015 Recipients



- **341** students from **twelve** districts attained required proficiency in two (or more) languages!
- Fourteen languages were represented: American Sign Language, Spanish, French, Mandarin, Hebrew, Italian, Russian, German, Arabic, Japanese, Haitian Creole, Polish, Portuguese and Latin.



Plus our additional twelve pilot districts

District	Superintendent	Director/Supervisor	
Carteret	Kevin Ahearn	Maria Romero	
East Brunswick	Dr. Victor Valeski	Ruth Chang	
Franklin	Dr. John A. Ravally	Dana Karas	
Hammonton	Dr. C. Dan Blachford	Thomas Fischer	
Hopewell Valley	Dr. Thomas A. Smith	Sara Olivera	
Lakewood	Laura Winters	Tracey Paolantonio	
Middle Township	Dr. David Salvo	Kathleen McDonald	
Millburn	Dr. Christine Burton	Abby Crespo	
Millville	Dr. David Gentile	Debra Sukinik	
Passaic	Pablo Muñoz	Dr. Gloria Arce-Vargas	
Summit	June Chang	Ana Ventoso	
Toms River	David M. Healy	Leslie Port	

2015-2016

KUDOS

- 727 Seal of Biliteracy Certificates!
- 24 Districts
- 16 languages:
 - Spanish, French, Latin, German, Italian, American Sign Language, Arabic, Mandarin, Russian, Tagalog, Polish, Yoruba, Punjabi, Haitian-Creole, Portuguese, Vietnamese
- 3 students received certificates in multiple languages

2015-2016Superlatives

Superintendent of the Year

- Danny Robertozzi, Ed. D., Linden Public Schools
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igl-lCcgSFg

Most Certificates

- Westfield 121 East Brunswick 107
- **Most Languages**
- Linden 7 different languages
- East Brunswick 6 different languages
- Egg Harbor & Toms River 5 different languages

2015-2016

Statistics

Top 5 languages

- 1. Spanish 516
- 2. French 123
- 3. Latin -27
- 4. German 17
- 5. Italian 14

- 65 % are Native English Speakers
- 35 % are Heritage language speakers
- 2% (16) are current ELLs
- 5% (33) are former ELLs

Growth over 3 years

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Districts	7	12	23
Certificates	185	341	727
Languages	10	14	16