

History of the Seal of Biliteracy and National Guidelines

This paper will trace the history and expansion of the Seal as the number of states and districts participating grew rapidly. In 2015 four national organizations (the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, the National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE), the National Council of State Supervisors for Languages (NCSSFL), and TESOL International Association) jointly issued recommended guidelines for implementing state seals. These recommendations set high standards and recognize that significant differences among language pedagogies make flexibility very important.