Seal-of-Biliteracy-Eligible Graduates- Report Notes

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Overview

The Connecticut State Seal of Biliteracy was established to recognize public high school graduates who have attained a level of proficiency in English and one or more other languages. This interactive report shows high school graduates who passed a language test in 10th, 11th or 12th grade. The Seal of Biliteracy Guidelines describe the purpose of, and qualifications for, the Seal of Biliteracy.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) does not directly collect information on students who were awarded the Seal of Biliteracy at graduation, however, the count of seal-eligible graduates will serve as the state's estimate for the number of students awarded the seal by their school district.

How to Use this Report

There are four pages on this report. State Dashboard, State by Student Group, State Data and District Data.

The data behind any chart or table can be exported. To export data from a chart or table, select the object, click the menu icon in the upper right corner (three dots) and choose "Export to Excel."

State Dashboard

The state dashboard automatically shows values for the most recent graduating class. When this report was released, only one graduating class was available: the class of 2024. The drop down menu at the top left allows users to select different graduating classes. Choosing a different class will change the data shown. All objects on this page, with the exception of the trend chart show data for one graduating class at a time.

The state dashboard shows four key values for the most recent graduating class:
- The number of graduates eligible for the Seal of Biliteracy
- The percent of graduates eligible for the Seal of Biliteracy
- The number of districts with seal-eligible graduates
- The number of languages in which graduates were Seal-Eligible.

Underneath the key values is a horizontal bar chart. This chart shows the percent of all graduates who are eligible for the Seal of Biliteracy. This bar chart is the only object on this page that will show data over time. Hover over the bar chart to view the data tips. As additional years of data are added, more bars will be shown.

On the right side of the page is a chart showing the top ten languages for the Seal of Biliteracy. A graduate will be included twice if they passed a test in two different languages. Click "All languages"to view a table with the count of graduates who passed a test in each language. Counts under six are suppressed according to CSDE's suppression guidelines.

State by Student Group

There is a button bar in the top right corner to select the graduating class. All objects on this page show one graduating class at a time.

This page has tabs that show Seal of Biliteracy rates for different student groups. The student groups are:
- English Learner/Mutlilingual Learner (EL/ML)
- Special Education (SWD) status
- Free/Reduced-Price Meal (FRPM) Eligibility
- High Needs Status
- Race/Ethnicity
- Gender

Most student groups have more tabs that show data with different breakouts of the category. For example, the EL/ML group has three tabs:
1) **English Learner/Multilingual Learner in Grades 9-12:** a graduate is EL/ML if they were EL/ML during high school
2) **English Learner/Multilingual Learner in Grades 9-12:** a graduate is EL/ML if they were EL/ML during high school

3) **English Learner/Multilingual Learner History:** a graduate is a current EL/ML if they were EL/ML at the time of graduation. A graduate is a former EL/ML if they were previously EL/ML.

On the left side of each page are two pie charts. The first pie chart shows the percent of seal-eligible graduates by student group. The second pie chart shows the student group breakout for all graduates. Above the pie chart is a statement highlighting how to interpret the pie chart.

On the right side of each page is a bar chart showing the percent of graduates who are seal-eligible, broken out by student group. Above the bar chart is a statement showing how to interpret the bar chart. At the bottom of the page is a quick definition of the student groups.

State Data
The state data page has a dropdown to select the student group. There are three tables which show data for all available years. The first table shows the count of seal-eligible graduates. The second table shows the percent of all graduates who are seal-eligible. This corresponds to the bar chart on the previous page. The third page shows the percent of seal-eligible graduates who belong to each student group. This corresponds to the pie chart on the previous page. Click on the table and select the three dots in the upper right corner to export the data to excel.

District Data
The district data page as two tabs. The chart tab shows a barchart with the districts that have the most seal-eligible graduates. Click "Percent" to view a bar chart with the districts that have the highest percent of seal-eligbile graduates.

The data tab shows one data table for district-level data. This data table has the count of seal-eligible graduates, and the percent of graduates who are seal-eligible for each district. On the left hand side, there are basic and advanced filters as well as a drop down to select the student group. The basic filters allow you to limit the graduating classes or the districts shown. The advanced filters allow you to limit the districts by organization type or support designation. The advanced filters also limit the list of districts in the basic filter.

Select different student groups to view seal-eligibility data by student group. To export data, select the table, click the menu icon in the upper right corner (three dots) and choose export to excel.

Inclusion/Exclusion Rules
Data begin with the graduating class of 2024. At the time of release, only one graduating class was available.

All students who graduated between September 1 and August 31 are included in a graduating class. For example, The graduating class of 2024 includes students who graduated from September 2023 to August 2024.

All students who have passed a Seal of Biliteracy test are considered Seal-Eligible. Seal of Biliteracy tests are reported in the Student Achievement Module in TCS. Students must have a test reported in grade 10, 11, or 12.

Terms/Definitions
- **Seal-Eligible Graduate**: A high school graduate who has passed a language examination.
- **Seal Language**: The language in which a student was tested.
- **English Learner/Multilingual Learner (EL/ML) Status in Grades 9-12**: Whether a graduate was identified as EL/ML during grades 9-12.
- **English Learner/Multilingual Learner (EL/ML) History**: A graduate is a "Current EL/ML" if they were identified as EL/ML in the PSIS Collection closest to a student's graduation. A graduate is a "Former EL/ML" if they were ever recorded as an EL/ML in any PSIS collection but were *not* a Current EL/ML at the time of graduation. Otherwise, a graduate is "Never El/ML."Note that all "Current EL/ML" students will be EL/ML in grades 9-12, but "Former EL/ML" students may be Non-EL/ML in grades 9-12 if they were no longer EL/ML by the time they entered high school.
- **Ever EL/ML**: A graduate is "Ever EL/ML" if they are a current or former EL/ML. Otherwise, they are "Never EL/ML".
- **Special Education (SWD) status in Grades 9-12**: Whether a graduate was ever identified as a student with disabilities during grades 9-12.
- **Special Education (SWD) history**: A graduate is a "Current SWD" if they were identified as SWD in the most recent PSIS collection at the time of graduation. A graduate is a "Former SWD" if they were ever recorded as a SWD in any PSIS collection but were *not* a Current SWD at the time of graduation. Otherwise, a graduate is "Never SWD".
- **High Needs:** A student who is identified as an English Learner/Multilingual Learner, a Student with Disabilities, or a student eligible for Free- or Reduced-Price meals, or any combination of the three.
- **High Needs Status in Grades 9-12:** Whether a graduate was ever identified as high needs during grades 9-12.
- **High Needs History:** A graduate is a "Current High Needs" if they were identified as High Needs in the most recent PSIS collection at the time of graduation. A graduate is a "Former High Needs" if they were ever recorded as High Needs in any PSIS collection, but were *not* a Current High Needs at the time of graduation. Otherwise, a graduate is "Never High Needs".

Source(s) and Update Schedule
This dashboard uses data reported in the Student Achievement Module in TCS. Graduation data are reported in PSIS registration. Graduation data are frozen in the fall after the graduation year. Backdated graduations recorded after the freeze are not included in this report. All students with exit code 15 ("Graduated with regular, advanced, International Baccalaureate, or other type of diploma") are considered graduates.

PSIS collection data are used to determine student groups such as English Learner/Mutlilingual Learner, Special Education status, and Free/Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility. The most recent PSIS Collection is used to determine a graduate's status at the time of graduation. PSIS Collections from grades 9-12 are used to determine student groups during high school. All PSIS collection

data from the 13 years prior to graduation are used to determine if a student was ever a member of a student group.

This report is updated yearly.

Other Helpful Information
If a student passes a test in more than one language, they are counted only once in all "seal-eligible graduate" counts and percentages. They are counted in each language category on the first page.

CSDE does not collect data on which students are awarded the Seal of Biliteracy. Some districts do not participate in the Seal of Biliteracy. A student who passes a test in one district, but graduates from another might not be awarded the Seal of Biliteracy, even if they were eligible.

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