

Graduation (Illinois)

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Fields in the Graduation tool that are specific to the state of Illinois are described below. For information on all other fields, please see the [Graduation](#) article.

General Graduation Information

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Diploma Date:	<input type="text"/>
Diploma Type:	<input type="text"/>
Diploma Period:	<input type="text"/>
Date First Entered the 9th Grade:	<input type="text"/> 07/23/2017
NGA Cohort End Year:	<input type="text"/> 2021
NCLB Cohort End Year:	<input type="text"/> 2021
Post Grad Location:	<input type="text"/> OS: Out-of-State
Post Grad Plans:	<input type="text"/> 4U: Four Year Public

General Graduation Information Editor

Diploma Type

The Diploma Type drop-list allows users to select the type of plan under which the student graduated. This field is used only for district-tracking purposes and is not used for state reporting.

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Code	Description
A	Certificate of Performance
B	Both College Prep & Vocational
C	College Prep
S	Special Ed

Code	Description
V	Vocational (Tech/Career)

Database Location:

Graduation.diplomaType

Ad Hoc Queries:

Student > Learner > Graduation elements > diplomaType

State Seal Information



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Add State Seal

Select a Value

State Seal Information

State Seal

Illinois established the Seal of Biliteracy to recognize public high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages besides English. Follow local practices when entering information in the State Seal Information section.

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Award

Code	Description
S	Seal
E	Endorsement

State Seal

Code	Description
01	Seal of Biliteracy
02	Commendation towards Biliteracy
99	Erroneous (Note: The Language drop-list is unavailable when selecting this option.)

Non-English Method

Code	Description	Definition
01	Composite score Intermediate High/above	Student obtains a composite score equivalent to Intermediate High or above (ACTFL proficiency guidelines) on an assessment of reading, writing, listening and speaking in the target language that is accepted by ISBE. Can be used for Seal or Commendation.
02	Score equal to ACTFL Intermediate High	Student obtains a score equivalent to ACTFL Intermediate High level meeting progress indicators for 12th grade set forth in the Standards for Learning American Sign Language (2014) or above on an assessment of American Sign Language. Assessment must be designed according to research-based national or international standards for educational testing. Can be used for Seal or Commendation.
03	Proficient equal to ACTFL Intermediate High	Student demonstrates proficiency equivalent to ACTFL Intermediate High level or above in reading, writing, listening and speaking or in ASL meeting progress indicators for 12th grade set forth in the Standards for Learning American Sign Language (2014) or in reading Latin through the alternative evidence method. Can be used for Seal or Commendation.
04	Composite score Intermediate Low/above	Student obtains a composite score equivalent to Intermediate Low or above (ACTFL proficiency guidelines) on an assessment of reading, writing, listening and speaking in the target language that is accepted by ISBE (or in an assessment of reading in Latin that is accepted by ISBE). ONLY used for Commendation.
05	Score equal to ACTFL Intermediate Low	Student obtains a score equivalent to ACTFL Intermediate Low or above on an assessment of American Sign Language. The assessment must be designed according to research-based national or international standards for educational testing. ONLY used for Commendation.
06	Proficient equal to Intermediate Low	Student demonstrates proficiency equivalent to Intermediate Low or above (ACTFL proficiency guidelines) through the alternative evidence method. ONLY used for Commendation.

English Method

Code	Description	Definition
01	Proficient on ACCESS 9-12	English learner student meets state proficient level on ACCESS for ELs administered in any of grades 9-12. Can be used for Seal or Commendation.
02	Meets/Exceeds level in ELA	Student achieves a meets or exceeds level in ELA on the state academic assessment administered at the secondary level. Can be used for Seal or Commendation.
03	Composite score Intermediate High/above	Student obtains a composite score equivalent to intermediate High or above (ACTFL proficiency levels) on the TOEFL, TOEIC or AAPPL or another standardized assessment meeting requirements as applicable. Can be used for Seal or Commendation.
04	Meets level part-time TBE Access 9-12	English learner meets the state level for part-time TBE placement on the ACCESS for ELLs administered in any of grades 9-12. ONLY used for Commendation.
05	Composite score Intermediate Low/above	Student obtains a composite score equivalent to Intermediate Low or above (ACTFL proficiency levels) on the TOEFL, TOEIC or AAPPL or another standardized assessment meeting requirements as applicable. ONLY used for Commendation.
06	Meets the ACT College ready Benchmark	Student meets the ACT college ready benchmark for the English subject area test or achieves a composite score of at least 21 on the ACT. Can be used for Seal or Commendation.
07	Final GPA of 3.0 in Transitional Coursework	ESSA College and Career Indicator: Student has a final GPA of 3.0 in transitional coursework in ELA articulated in partnership with a community college. Can be used for Seal or Commendation.
08	Final GPA of 2.5 in Transitional Coursework	ESSA College and Career Indicator: Student has a final GPA of 2.5 in transitional coursework in ELA articulated in partnership with a community college. ONLY used for Commendation.
09	Score of 5 on AP English Language & Composition Exam	Score of 5 on the AP English Language and Composition Exam. Can be used for Seal or Commendation.

Code	Description	Definition
10	Score of 4 on AP English Language & Composition Exam	Score of 4 on the AP English Language and Composition Exam. Can be used for Seal or Commendation.
11	Score of 3 on AP English Language & Composition Exam	Score of 3 on the AP English Language and Composition Exam. ONLY used for Commendation.

Database Location:

GraduationSeal.stateSeal

Ad Hoc Queries:

Student > Learner > Graduation elements > Graduation Seal > type

State Seals On Transcript Reports

When State Seal is selected as a report option for Transcript templates created with the [Report Setup](#) tool or when running a [Transcript Batch Report](#) using Display Options, the following language will appear on transcripts for students with State Seal data on their Graduation record.

State Seal of Biliteracy	State Commendation Toward Biliteracy
Attained the State Seal of Biliteracy by demonstrating high proficiency in English and [insert name of world language].	Attained the State Commendation Toward Biliteracy by demonstrating progress towards high proficiency in English and [insert name of world language].