

Seal of Biliteracy 2023-24

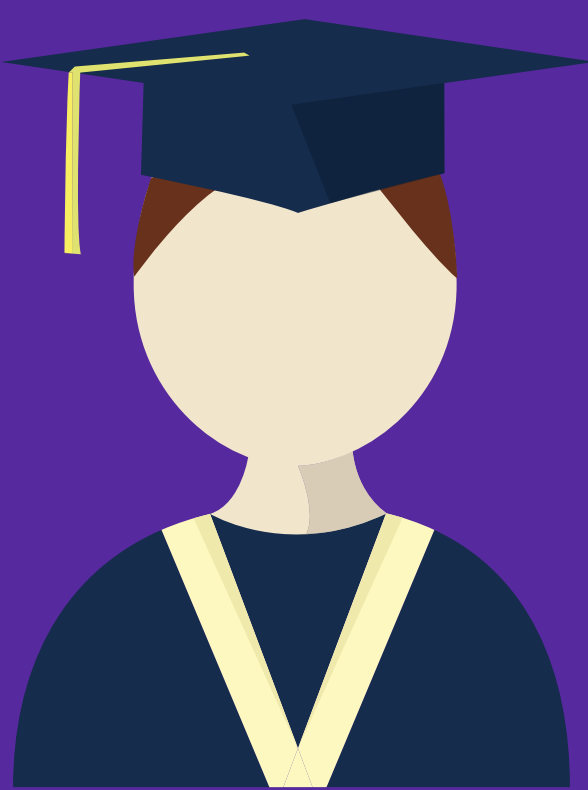
By the numbers


2023-2024 was District 86's eighth year implementing the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy Program.

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by their high school graduation.

213

Seals of Biliteracy earned by the **Class of 2024, 35 more** than the Class of 2023!





1,393

Total number of Seals awarded to D86 graduating seniors **since 2017**

In 2024, D86 awarded Seals in **sixteen different languages**. (Up from 14 languages in 2022 and 8 in 2021)



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| Spanish |
| French |
| Mandarin |
| Latin |
| Lithuanian |
| Polish |
| German |
| Hindi |
| Italian |
| Russian |
| Arabic |
| Hungarian |
| Macedonian |
| Serbian |

109

different languages can be tested in D86 to earn the Seal of Biliteracy, but most commonly:

Arabic

Chinese (Mandarin)

French

German

Hindi

Italian

Japanese

Lithuanian

Korean

Latin

Polish

Portuguese

Russian

Serbian

Spanish

Thai

Public Illinois colleges and universities award anywhere from

4 to 16 credit hours

to students who have earned the Seal (4 - *UIC & City Colleges of Chicago*; 16 - *Southern Illinois University Edwardsville*)

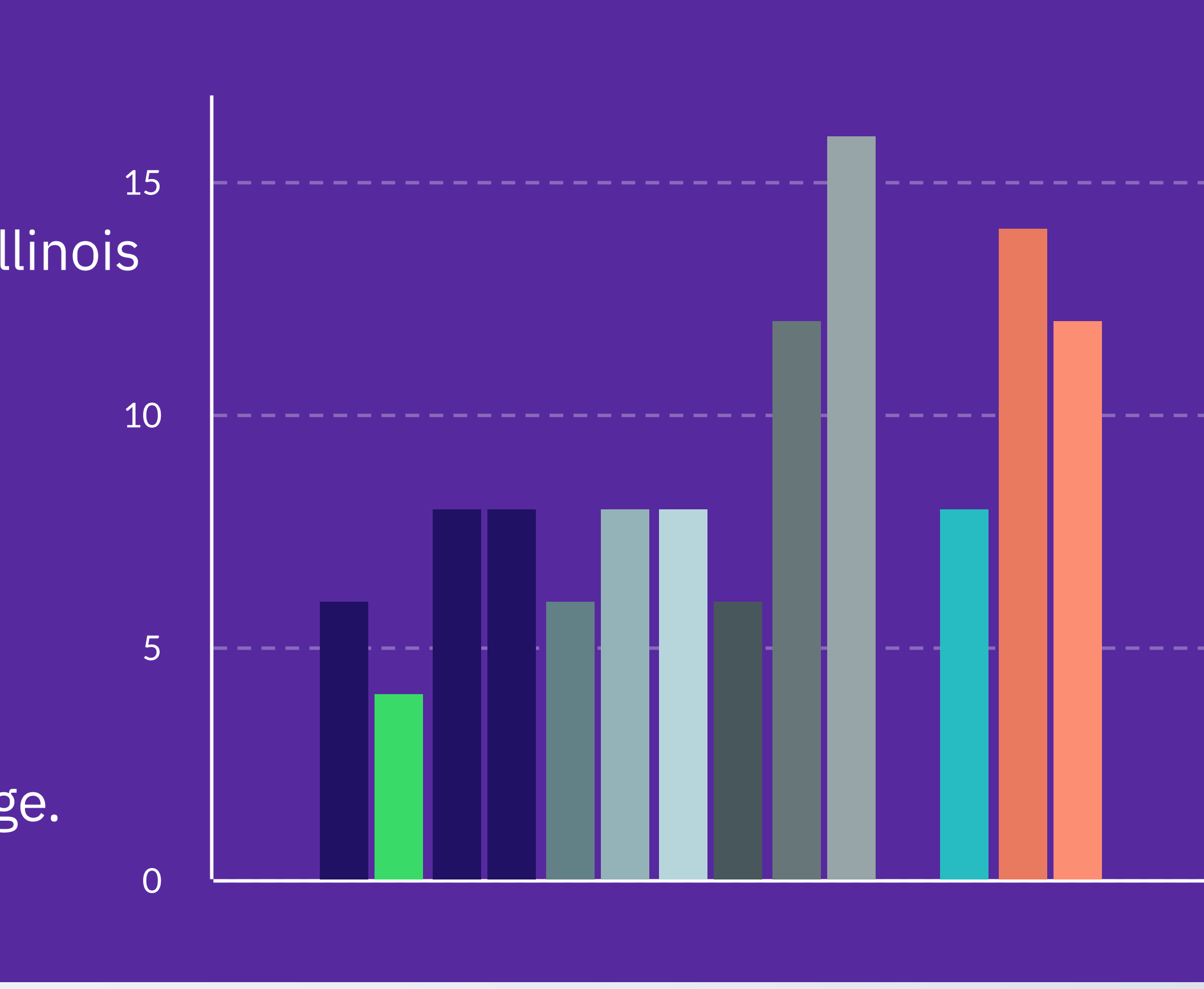
Percentage of students who earned the Seal that were **enrolled in D86 World Languages as seniors**

71%




14 credit hours awarded for the Seal at Western Illinois University.

12 credit hours awarded for the Seal at Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University - Carbondale, and Waubensee Community College.




8 credit hours awarded for the Seal at the College of DuPage, Illinois State University, Eastern Illinois University, Moraine Valley Community College, UIC (4-8 hours depending on language), and the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign.

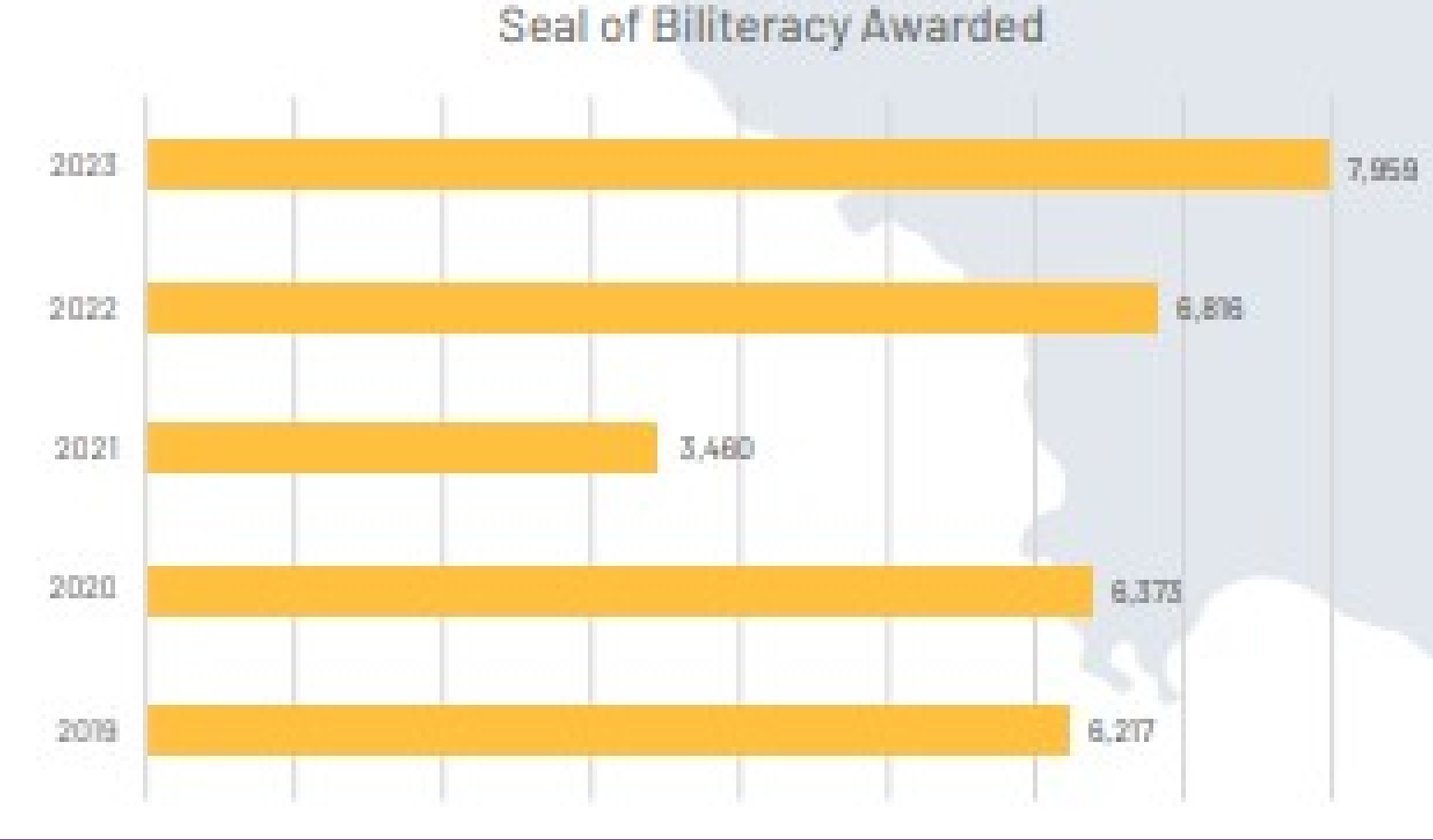
6 credit hours awarded for the Seal at the Chicago State University.



For More Information about the Seal of Biliteracy in District 86, visit:

 [D86 Seal of Biliteracy Homepage](#)

The state of Illinois awarded **7,959 Seals of Biliteracy** across **51 languages** in **114 school districts** to the Class of 2023. ([ISBE Seal Data 2023](#))



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| 2023 | 7,959 |
| 2022 | 6,816 |
| 2021 | 3,480 |
| 2020 | 6,373 |
| 2019 | 6,217 |

District 86 offers Seal of Biliteracy testing at least

3 times

each school year - once on the Fall testing date and twice each Spring (Feb/Mar). *Students can also qualify for the Seal with a 4 or 5 on an AP world language test.*

