



THE STATE SEAL OF BILINGUALISM-BILITERACY: A CAPSTONE OF CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY RESPONSIVE EDUCATION

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Do you know about the State Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy (SSBB)? The SSBB on a New Mexico diploma of excellence certifies that the recipient is proficient for meaningful use in college, a career or to meet a local community language need in a language other than English. The SSBB honors heritage speakers of languages other than English and prepares students to be global citizens. For this session, Dr. Elena Valdez, the Language and Culture Division's Hispanic Education Specialist, will dive into the details of the SSBB. Session attendees should come away with a clear understanding of what the SSBB is, how students may earn it, and key steps required for its adoption and implementation.