

Linda Egnatz is most known for her role as national cheerleader for the Seal of Biliteracy which recognizes language learners for their proficiency in two languages. Her support for the movement began in Illinois where she testified on its behalf as a 2013 Golden Apple Teacher of Excellence Award Winner. As the ACTFL 2014 National Language Teacher of the Year, she expanded her advocacy for language learners to support other states in their work to adopt a State Seal. In 2015, Egnatz served on the ACTFL/NCSSFL/TESOL/NABE collaborative committee that designed the National Guidelines for the Seal of Biliteracy. She recently left the classroom to serve as the Executive Director of the Global Seal of Biliteracy, a program designed to help bilinguals of any age to celebrate and certify their language skills. Followers of @miprofeAP on social media will recognize the hashtag #2bilit2quit; meaning that “when students succeed, language program retention increases.”

Egnatz is nationally board certified and has taught junior high, high school and college level Spanish, including AP Spanish Language and Culture as well as AP Spanish Literature. She is a Past President of the Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and currently serves ICTFL as Advocacy Chair and Webmaster. She is a member of the Joint National Council on Languages (JNCL-NCLIS) Board, the ACTFL Professional Learning Committee and the Pulsera Project Education Committee. A frequent conference speaker and world language trainer, she embraces opportunities to help teachers to move their students toward higher levels of language proficiency. Egnatz has a B.A. in Romance Language Education and holds an M.A. in Spanish Literature from Purdue University.