

### **EMIS Change 22-65**

This change clarifies the reporting of “Student Plans to Earn” graduation seal program codes.

## **2.9 STUDENT PROGRAM (GQ) RECORD**

### ***General Guidelines***

[Graduation-Related Seals.](#) Graduation seals are part of the graduation requirements for students starting with the class of 2023. Students in earlier classes may also use the class of 2023 pathway, including seals, to graduate. We recommend that graduation seals be reported in EMIS as they are earned and each year thereafter until graduation. This helps ensure that if the student transfers to another school, that school will know that the student has earned (or is planning to earn) a particular seal.

Each of the seals has a program code that is reported if a student is planning to use that seal to meet graduation requirements. As part of their work with students, each school is to complete a graduation plan with the student. Part of this plan should include reviewing the available seals and planning for the experiences and courses needed to earn that seal. If a student’s graduation plan includes a particular seal, then the “Student Plans To Earn” code for that seal should be reported each year in EMIS unless the student changes their plans to earn a different seal. Note that once a student earns a seal, the planning program code will be ignored and does not have to be removed from the student’s reported data. In addition, if a student earns a seal that the school has never reported to the Department through a planning program code, the “Student Plans To Earn” program code does not have to be reported in EMIS.

Graduation seals, from the perspective of data reporting, fall into 3 general categories based on what is reported to the Department about the seal for each student through program codes, and what the Department can determine about the seal for the student based on other reported EMIS data. The 3 categories are:

- Only the plan to earn the seal is reported by program code; earning the seal is determined by the Department from other EMIS data,
- Both the plan to earn the seal, and actually earning the seal are reported by program codes, and
- Both the plan to earn and earning the seal are reported by program codes, and the seal has multiple parts and options, so additional program codes can also be reported.

For the first group, only the plan to earn the seal is reported. Once the Department sees that a student has earned a seal based on other reported EMIS data, the seal will be considered earned by the student in all ODE calculations and will appear as earned where appropriate on EMIS reports. Graduation seals in this group include the following, with the primary data used to determine earning the seal in parentheses:

- Industry-Recognized Credential Graduation Seal (Industry Credential assessment records)
- College-Ready Graduation Seal (ACT/SAT assessment records)
- Honors Diploma Graduation Seal (diploma type reported in graduation reporting)

For the second group, both the plan and the completion of the seal are reported with program codes. Although data for some of the criteria for these seals is reported in EMIS, there are also options for the seal

that are not reflected in EMIS data. This requires the following seals to be reported by program code when earned:

- [Ohio Means Jobs Graduation Seal](#)
- [Military Enlistment Graduation Seal](#)
- [Technology Graduation Seal](#)
- [Citizenship Graduation Seal](#)
- [Science Graduation Seal](#)
- [Community Service Graduation Seal](#)
- [Student Engagement Graduation Seal](#)
- [Fine and Performing Arts Graduation Seal](#)

For the final group, in addition to reporting a code for planning and earning, additional codes may be reported to document that one or more criteria for the seal have been completed. The only seal in this group is the Seal of Biliteracy Graduation Seal. Since this seal has multiple parts, program codes are available to document that a student has met the English language proficiency or proficiency in a world language parts. Neither of these interim program codes are required to be reported but provide a way to document progress towards the seal. When a student earns the seal, only the Seal of Biliteracy Code (608xxx) representing the proficient world language must be reported.