



What is the California State Seal of Biliteracy?

The Seal of Biliteracy is a statement of accomplishment for gaining competency in two or more languages, and may be viewed as an asset when applying for employment and for college admission.

Purpose

- Encourage students to study world languages
- Certify attainment of biliteracy
- Provide a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills
- Prepare students with 21st century skills
- Recognize and promote world language instruction in public schools
- Strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a community

For more information about the State Seal of Biliteracy visit the California Department of Education website at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sealofbiliteracy.asp>

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The State Seal of Biliteracy is an award given to graduating high school students who have studied and attained proficiency in English and one or more languages.

The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), in collaboration with participating local districts, identifies candidates for this award, verifies their language skills, and publicly recognizes students for exemplary achievement.

To find out how you can receive this award, refer to the list of district contacts on the back of this brochure.

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Eligibility

Graduating High School students wishing to receive the California State Seal of Biliteracy must submit an application form to their home district and meet all the following requirements. (Ed Code, Section 51460.)

Requirements for meeting English language proficiency criteria:

- 1) Complete all English-language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or above in those classes.

AND

- 2) Pass the California standards assessment at the “standard met” level in English-language arts (ELA) set for native English speakers at the 11th grade.

AND

- 3) Demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. See *Options for Meeting World Language Proficiency Criteria* located in the center panel.

Students whose **primary language is not English** must meet requirements 1, 2, and 3 above AND score at the Early Advanced or Advanced level on the California English Language Development Test (CELDT).

Options for Meeting World Language Proficiency Criteria

Proficiency in language(s) other than English must be determined through **one** of the following methods:

- A. Score 3 or higher on a world language Advanced Placement exam.
- B. Score 4 or higher on a foreign language International Baccalaureate exam.
- C. Score 600 or higher on the Scholastic Assessment Test II foreign language examination.
- D. Successfully complete a 4-year high school course of study in a world language with a grade point average of 3.0 or above in that course of study including **oral proficiency**.
- E. Score “proficient” level or higher on a district or county language exam that assesses speaking, reading, and writing in a language other than English.*

* SCOE’s language exam includes reading and writing sections as well as an oral interview in the language of interest.

Award Components

- Sacramento County Office of Education Seal of Biliteracy Certificate.
- Self-adhesive gold embossed insignia that may be affixed to the diploma or transcript of the student indicating that the student has been awarded a State Seal of Biliteracy.
- Opportunity to participate in a Sacramento County recognition ceremony.
- Other local district recognitions may apply, check with your district contact.

Timeline

The application and examination process information will be completed in the Spring. Completed applications for participation in the SCOE assessment or recognition ceremony must be submitted to your district contact.

Questions?

Students interested in earning a Seal of Biliteracy must connect with their district contact for more details and to obtain an application. (Refer to the back of this brochure for a list of contacts.)