

General Information:

The State of California Seal of Biliteracy (SSB) Achievement Award went into effect on January 1, 2012. Currently, California is the first state in the nation to honor high school seniors who are proficient in one or more languages other than English.

SBCUSD began awarding the Seal of Biliteracy in July, 2012 to high school graduating students who demonstrated proficiency in speaking, reading and writing in one or more languages other than English which include Spanish, French and Chinese.

In August, 2012, San Bernardino City Unified School District certified and recognized 72 high school graduates with the State Seal of Biliteracy Award.

In August, 2013, the number of recipients doubled thanks to the continued effort and collaboration between the district and the high schools in promoting bilingualism and biliteracy as well as to prepare our high school seniors to become successful for the 21st century global careers and post-secondary education.

Students who are identified as candidates for the Seal of Biliteracy receive a special medallion to be worn at their graduation ceremony. Students who are certified Seal of Biliteracy recipients will also receive a Seal of Biliteracy insignia on their diploma.

San Bernardino City Unified School District Seal of Biliteracy Criteria

In order to be a recipient of the Seal of Biliteracy award, students must demonstrate the following:

1. Successful completion of English course requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above in those classes.
2. English Language Assessment—11th grade CAASPP score of 3-Met Standard or 4-Exceeded Standard (**Waived for 2021 High School Graduates**)
3. English proficiency (Level 4) on the most current English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)-Only applicable to students identified as English learners.
4. Proficiency in one or more languages other than English as demonstrated in one of the following methods:
 - a. Score of 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam in a world language;
 - b. Score of 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam in a world language
 - c. Successful completion of a district A-G approved four-year course of study in the same world language with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above in those classes; and demonstration of oral proficiency in the language comparable to the AP or IB exam.
 - d. Score of 600 or above on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) II in a *world language*.
 - e. A score of "5" or higher on the district's AVANT test in all language domains.

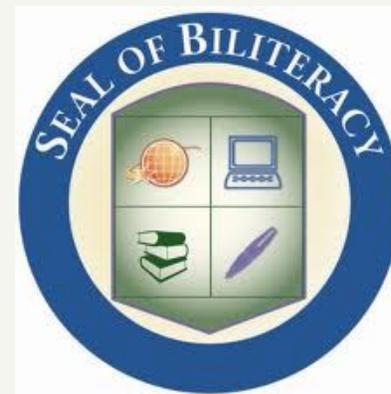
If you or your student believe that he or she may qualify to receive the Seal of Biliteracy award, please speak to the teachers or counselors at the school to obtain additional information about meeting the requirements to receive this special recognition.

For more information,
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What are some benefits of the Seal of Biliteracy?

The benefits for the students who receive the Seal of Biliteracy award are many.

First of all, earning this distinction encourages our students to develop the skills they need in order to be prepared to become successful in a multicultural, multilingual world.

Secondly, this award has created a renewed interest in studying world languages at our high schools.

Additionally, the Seal of Biliteracy allows our students to affirm the value of diversity in a multicultural society as well as in our community.

Finally, the demand for job-seeking employees to be fluent in more than one language is increasing in California and throughout the world. Therefore, preparing our students to become bilingual and biliterate is one of our top priorities.

The State Seal of Biliteracy is awarded following a review of the student qualifications in accordance with the state-established criteria.

San Bernardino City Unified School District will affix a state of California Seal of Biliteracy insignia on each of the recipients' diploma as an indicator of their accomplishment.



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