

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

If you believe you may qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy award, please speak with your counselor to learn the specific criteria and to verify if you can receive this special recognition.



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Seal of Biliteracy



REDLANDS USD

The High School State Seal of Biliteracy



Empowering students with
the knowledge and
commitment to confront the
challenges of our changing
world, as they become the
leaders of the 21st century.

State Seal of Bilingual Award



This award recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing, in one or more languages in addition to English.

The purposes of the SSB are to encourage pupils to study languages, to certify attainment of biliteracy, to provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills, to provide universities with a method to recognize and give academic credit to applicants seeking admission, to prepare pupils with 21st century skills, to recognize and promote foreign language instruction in public schools, and to strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a community.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Completion of all English language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of 2.0 in those classes.

Passage of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) for English language arts, or any successor test, administered in grade eleven, at or above the "standard met" achievement level.

Proficiency in one or more languages, other than English, demonstrated through one of the following methods:

Passage of a foreign language **Advanced Placement (AP) examination** with a score of 3 or higher.

Successful completion of a **four-year high school course of study in a foreign language**, attaining an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in that course of study.

Passage of a **district test** with a score of proficient or higher (**if no AP examination or off the shelf language tests exists** and the school district can certify that the test meets the level of an AP exam), demonstrating proficiency in all of the modes of communication (reading, writing, and speaking) that characterize communication in the language.

Passage of the **SAT II** foreign language examination with a score of 600 or higher.

Seal Recognizing Proficiency in Multiple Languages is First of Its Kind in the Nation

"Fluency in a second language helps our students be well-prepared to compete in a global marketplace."

"The gold seal on their high school diploma recognizes and celebrates a second language as an asset not just for themselves, but for our state, nation, and world."

~Tom Torlakson

Former State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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TALK TO YOUR
HIGH SCHOOL
COUNSELOR TODAY!

