

SEAL OF BILITERACY/DIPLOMAS

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) recognizes that:

- 1) Mastery of two or more languages makes important contributions to a student's cognitive development, understanding of diverse cultures, and economic opportunities.
- 2) The study of foreign languages contributes towards our national economy and our national security.
- 3) Multiple languages are a critical element in enabling our community and state to participate effectively in a global political, social and economic context.
- 4) The demand for employees to be fluent in more than one language is increasing both in Colorado and throughout the world.
- 5) Our community is home to speakers from hundreds of different language and cultural groups, and to build trust and understanding across the multiple language and cultural groups in our diverse community requires multilingual skills of communication

Therefore, it is the intent of Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) to promote the development of literacy in two or more languages and to provide recognition of the attainment of those needed and important skills through the establishment of a Seal of Biliteracy on the high school diplomas or transcripts of pupils attaining functional proficiency in one or more languages, in addition to English. Through the establishment of this Seal of Biliteracy, the District seeks to:

- encourage pupils to develop biliteracy skills
- provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills
- revitalize and promote foreign language
- encourage the development of dual language immersion programs, and foreign native and heritage language programs in schools.
- recognize and honor our rich and diverse language assets

The SEAL shall be awarded by the Superintendent to pupils who complete the requirements for a high school diploma and who meet all of the requirements in Regulation IKD-R-1 or Regulation IKD-R-2.

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CROSS REFs.: IKD-R-1, Colorado Seal of Biliteracy
IKD-R-2, District Seal of Biliteracy
IKF, Graduation Requirements (and regulations IKF-R-1 and IKF-R-2)

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