California Department of EDUCATION

• ENGLISH LEARNER SUPPORT DIVISION •

THE CALIFORNIA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY

What is the State Seal of Biliteracy?

The State Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for graduating high school students who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. The State Seal of Biliteracy is marked by a gold seal affixed to the diploma or transcript.

Where can I find more information about the State Seal of Biliteracy?

More information about the State Seal of Biliteracy is available on the California Department of Education State Seal of Biliteracy web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sealofbiliteracy.asp or scan the QR code at the bottom of this poster.

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What are the requirements for earning the California State Seal of Biliteracy?

English proficiency, demonstrated by:

Completing all English language arts (ELA) graduation requirements with a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or above.

and

Passing the ELA California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress at the "standard met" level or above.

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Second-language proficiency, demonstrated by:

Assessment (choose one)

Passing an Advanced Placement (AP) exam with a three or above.

Passing an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam with a four or above.

Passing an SAT II foreign language exam with a 600 or above.

Or passing a locally approved assessment that meets the rigor of an AP exam and tests all modalities of communication in the language.

or

Coursework

Completing a four-year high school course of study in the language with a 3.0 GPA or above.

and

Demonstrating oral proficiency in the language.

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If the student is currently designated as an English learner, also:

Demonstrating English proficiency on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) and meeting all other requirements.

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