California Department of EDUCATION

STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY REQUIREMENTS

The California State Seal of Biliteracy is marked by a gold seal affixed to the diploma or transcript and recognizes high school graduates who have achieved a high level of proficiency in one or more language(s) in addition to English.

To earn the California State Seal of Biliteracy the student must:

DEMONSTRATE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY THROUGH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

COURSEWORK:

- ☐ Complete all **English language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0** in those classes.

OR

ASSESSMENT (CHOOSE ONE):

- ☐ **Option 1: State Assessment:** Pass the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress for English language arts administered in grade 11, at or above the “standard met” achievement level.
- ☐ **Option 2: Advanced Placement (AP) Assessment:** Pass an English AP examination with a score of 3 or higher (AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature or Composition, or AP Seminar).
- ☐ **Option 3: International Baccalaureate (IB) Assessment:** Pass an English IB examination with a score of 4 or higher.
- ☐ **Option 4: SAT:** Achieve a score of 480 or above on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section of the SAT.

Additional English Proficiency Requirement for English Learners Only:

- ☐ In addition to the requirements mentioned above, students who are classified as English learners must attain an **oral language composite score of level 4 on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).**

AND

DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN ONE OR MORE LANGUAGES, OTHER THAN ENGLISH, THROUGH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

COURSEWORK:

- ☐ Successfully complete a **four-year course of study in a world language at the high school or higher level, attaining an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher** in that course of study, and demonstrate oral proficiency in the language comparable to that required to pass an AP or IB examination.

OR

ASSESSMENT (CHOOSE ONE):

- ☐ **Option 1: AP:** Pass a world language AP examination with a score of 3 or higher,
- ☐ **Option 2: IB:** Pass an IB examination with a score of 4 or higher,
- ☐ **Option 3: ACTFL:** Pass an ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with scores of intermediate mid or higher, or
- ☐ **Option 4: District-Approved Assessment:** Pass a school district language examination that, at a minimum, assesses speaking, reading, and writing in a language other than English at the proficient level or higher.

From California *Education Code* Section 51461.

For more information on the State Seal of Biliteracy, visit the **California Department of Education (CDE) State Seal of Biliteracy web page** at https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sealofbiliteracy.asp or scan the QR code.

Questions about the State Seal of Biliteracy can be directed to the CDE Multilingual Support Division by phone at 916-319-0845 or by email at SEAL@cde.ca.gov.

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