



# 2024-2025 SEAL OF BILITERACY

The Seal of Biliteracy, marked by a gold seal on the diploma or transcript, recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English.

The Merced County Seal of Biliteracy is aligned with CDE guidelines for the State Seal of Biliteracy.

For Eligible High School Students in Grades 11 and 12



## GOALS

- Recognize students who have acquired proficiency in English and additional language(s)
- Encourage the learning of all languages
- Emphasize the value of knowing many languages
- Contribute to global understanding



## AWARD COMPONENTS

- Assurance of a marketable skill
- Connection of community efforts to teach language(s) and culture(s) to the K-12 school system
- Transcript Notation
- Recognition of the award at graduation ceremonies (based on district policy)



## ENGLISH ELIGIBILITY

- Students who attend high school in a partnering district and are in grade 11 or 12
- Have completed the first 3-years of ELA with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above OR
- Pass the CAASPP at or above "standard met",
- Pass an English AP exam with a score of 3 or higher,
- Pass an English IB Exam with a score of 4 or higher, or
- Achieve a score of 480 or above on the Reading and Writing Section of the SAT



## DETERMINATION OF PROFICIENCY

- Students who have completed a 3-year course of study in a world language at the high school or higher level, with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and demonstrate oral proficiency in the language OR
- Pass a world language AP Exam with a score of 3 or higher,
- Pass an IB Exam with a score of 4 or higher,
- Pass and ACTGL Writing Proficiency Test and Oral Proficiency Interview with scores of intermediate mid or higher, or
- Pass a school or district language exam that assess speaking, reading and writing at the proficient level or higher