

Policy 5126 Awards for Achievement

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The Governing Board encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for exemplary achievement in academic, artistic, extracurricular, athletic, and community service activities.

No fee or other cost shall be charged to any student in relation to any requirements in qualifying for or receiving any district achievement awards.

District/School Awards

Student awards may include verbal recognition, a letter, a certificate, a Board resolution, public ceremony, trophy, gift, plaque, or monetary gift. The Board shall establish a budget for this purpose. (Education Code 44015)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop criteria for the selection of student award recipients.

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

At graduation from high school, students whose academic achievements in core curriculum areas have been outstanding shall receive special recognition.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify graduating high school students who have demonstrated mastery of the high school curriculum qualifying them for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma. (Education Code 51454)

State Seal of Biliteracy

The district shall present the State Seal of Biliteracy to each graduating high school student who has attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English, as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 51460-51464).

District Awards for Biliteracy

In order to affirm the value of bilingualism and encourage students' enrollment in world language programs, the Superintendent or designee may present awards at appropriate grade levels to recognize the pursuit and/or attainment of grade-level proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. The Superintendent or designee may also present awards to English learners who are reclassified as fluent English proficient to recognize proficiency in both

English and the student's native language.

State Seal of Civic Engagement

The Superintendent or designee shall present the State Seal of Civic Engagement to each 11th or 12th grade student who demonstrates excellence in civics education and participation and has demonstrated an understanding of the U.S. Constitution, the California Constitution, and the democratic system of government. (Education Code 51470-51475)

All district students shall be afforded the opportunity to earn the State Seal of Civic Engagement, regardless of their background, communities, or experiences. No student shall be denied such opportunity based on academic ability, alternative school setting, or unique or unconventional expression of civic engagement.

10/1985
06/1988
06/10/1992
06/1998
12/09/1998
06/1998
07/2004
08/10/2005
07/2012
08/26/2015
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Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

5 CCR 11517.6-11519.5
5 CCR 1632

5 CCR 876
Ed. Code 220
Ed. Code 35160
Ed. Code 35310-35319
Ed. Code 44015
Ed. Code 51007

Ed. Code 51243-51245
Ed. Code 51450-51455
Ed. Code 51460-51464
Ed. Code 51470-51475
Ed. Code 52164.1

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English Language Proficiency Assessments for California
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Gov. Code 54950-54963

Management Resources

California Department of Education
Publication

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[The Ralph M. Brown Act](#)

Description

State Seal of Biliteracy FAQs

SSCE Implementation Guidance

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

[Californians Together](#)

[CSBA](#)

[California Department of Education](#)

Cross References

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