

What is the California State Seal of Biliteracy?



The State Seal of Biliteracy is a statement of accomplishment for gaining competency in two or more languages, and may be viewed as an asset when applying for employment and/or college admission.

Purpose

- Encourage students to study world languages.
- Provide universities with a method to recognize and give academic credit.
- Certify attainment of biliteracy.
- Provide a method of identifying students with language and biliteracy skills [*indicating college and career readiness*](#).
- Prepare students with 21st century skills.
- Recognize and promote world language instruction in public schools.
- Strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a community.

For more information about the State Seal of Biliteracy, visit the California Department of Education website at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/ur/sealofbiliteracy.asp>

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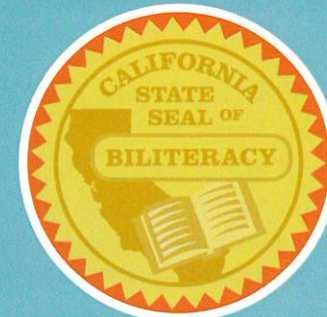
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State Seal of Biliteracy

for Eligible Graduating High School Seniors

The **State Seal of Biliteracy** is an award given to graduating high school students who have studied and attained proficiency in English and one or more languages.

The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), in collaboration with participating local districts, identifies candidates for this award, verifies their language skills, and publicly recognizes students for exemplary achievement.

To find out how to receive this award, refer to the list of district and charter contacts on the back of this brochure.



Eligibility

To be eligible for the State Seal of Biliteracy, students must meet both of the criteria below:

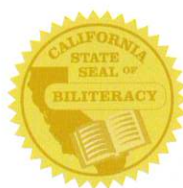
- 1) Demonstrate proficiency in English using **one** of these options:
 - Complete all English-language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above in those classes; OR
 - Pass the California standards assessment at the “standards met” or above in English language arts (ELA) at the 11th grade or a local assessment; OR
 - Pass the Advanced Placement (AP) exam with a three or above, OR the International Baccalaureate (IB) exam with a four or above, or the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section of the SAT with a 480 or above.

AND

- 2) Demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. To meet this requirement, most students complete a four-year high school course of study in another language, including oral proficiency. Others pass the Advanced Placement Exam, the Scholastic Assessment Test II, or an ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with minimum scores of intermediate-mid, or a locally administered language exam.

Students designated as an English learner, must demonstrate oral English proficiency by achieving a level four on the ELPAC oral language composite score.

The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) offers a language exam for schools in the county: American Sign Language (ASL), Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Dari, Farsi, French, German, Hindi, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Pashto, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, and Vietnamese.



Award Components

- Self-adhesive gold embossed insignia that may be affixed to the diploma or transcript of the student indicating that the student has been awarded a State Seal of Biliteracy
- Sacramento County Office of Education State Seal of Biliteracy Certificate
- Opportunity to participate in a Sacramento County recognition ceremony
- Other local district recognitions may apply—check with your district contact

Timeline

The application and examination process information will be completed in the Spring. Completed applications for participation in the SCOE assessment or recognition ceremony must be submitted to your district contact.

Questions?

Students interested in earning a Seal of Biliteracy must connect with their district contact for more details and to obtain an application. (Refer to the back of this brochure for a list of contacts.)