



Pursuit of Bilingualism Award Requirements

In awarding the Pursuit of Bilingualism Award to outstanding young leaders, SJUSD seeks to:

- Encourage and reward students who develop bi-literacy skills.
- Recognize and honor our rich and diverse language assets.
- Affirm positive attitudes toward multilingualism.
- Validate use of multiple languages for all students.

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Students wishing to receive the Pursuit of Bilingualism Award must meet the following requirements:

- Successful participation (average grade of “C” or better with **no** D’s or F’s) in the study of a world language (including world language classes at school, online language courses, and afterschool or weekend language programs for two years.
- Earn a C or better in both semesters of 8th grade English Language Arts.
- Be an English Only student (EO), an Initially Fluent English Proficient student (I-FEP) or a Re-designated Fluent English Proficient student (RFEP – i.e. student formerly classified as English Learner) or an EL student with an ELPAC ORAL LANGUAGE Composite score of 4.

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

ESSAY: Write an essay about one of the two topics below in the second language and receive a score of proficient or higher using the district’s writing rubric:

- An information essay where students teach another person interesting and/or important information around a topic. (Passing score on Unit 2 of Spanish Language Arts TWBI /HE course meets this criteria.)
- Personal Narrative that describes your participation or the knowledge you gained at two cultural events (each one a minimum of one hour) targeting the second language being studied.

ORAL PRESENTATION: Make a bilingual oral presentation which identifies five careers where bilingualism is important and explains why and

how bilingualism is a benefit in those careers. The student should be monitored by a teacher or counselor during the process of creating the presentation and must receive an average overall score of “3” or above with no single score at “2” or below on the Middle School Oral Presentation Rubric.

For more information, please contact the appropriate person at your school.

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