# STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY

## WHAT IS THE STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY?

The State Seal of Biliteracy is established to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. Students who meet the full requirements as set forth in legislation (California Education Code sections 51460-51464) are awarded a gold seal, to be affixed to the graduate's high school diploma.

Students must complete the English proficiency and second-language proficiency requirements listed below to receive the State Seal of Biliteracy award. Please talk to your teacher for additional information about requirements and how to apply for the State Seal of Biliteracy.

Recipients of the Seal of Biliteracy will be celebrated at an annual ceremony hosted by the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

## REQUIREMENTS

**English proficiency, demonstrated by:**

**Coursework**



Completing all English language arts (ELA) graduation requirements with a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or above.

**OR**

**Passing an Assessment (choose one)**

The ELA California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) at the "standard met" level or above.

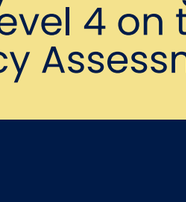
An English Advanced Placement (AP) exam with a three or above.

An International Baccalaureate (IB) exam with a four or above.

The Evidence Based Reading and Writing section of the SAT with a 480 or above.

**Second-language proficiency, demonstrated by:**

**Coursework**



Completing a four-year high school course of study in the language with a 3.0 GPA or above
AND
Demonstrating oral proficiency in the language.

**OR**

**Passing an Assessment (choose one)**

A world language AP exam with a three or above.

An IB exam with a four or above.

An ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with scores of intermediate mid or higher.

A locally-approved assessment

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY CLASSIFIED AS ENGLISH LEARNERS:

If the student is currently designated as an English learner, also: Demonstrating oral proficiency in English by obtaining an oral language composite score of level 4 on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).

## SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

California Department of Education Website

SJCOE Seal of Biliteracy Awards Website

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