

**AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT**

**District/School Awards**

- 1. Principals are authorized to purchase student awards as described below, charging the expense to any supply budget account.
- 2. Awards may not exceed \$20.00 per student per year. Cash awards are not allowed.
- 3. Examples of possible awards include the following:

Certificates	Ribbons	Buttons
Trophies	Plaques	T-shirts
Pins	Athletic Items	Pictures
Lunch/Food Items	Books	Games
Notebooks	Binders	Instructional Games

**Biliteracy Award**

To be eligible to receive the State Seal of Biliteracy upon graduation, a student shall demonstrate, in accordance with state criteria, proficiency in English and at least one other language, which may include American Sign Language. A student whose primary language is other than English shall also attain the required proficiency level on the state test of English language proficiency. (Education Code 51461)

**Criteria:**

1. Proficiency in English

Demonstrate proficiency in English by completing **both** of the following requirements:

- a. Complete all English Language Arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or above in those classes.
- b. Demonstrate proficiency through a score of standard met on the English portion of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) administered in grade 11.

And

2. Proficiency in a Language Other Than English

Demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English through **one** of the following methods:

- a. Pass an additional language Advanced Placement examination with a score of 3 or higher.

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Or

- b. Pass an additional language SAT II examination with a score of 600 or higher.

Or

- c. Complete a four-year high school course of study in a World Language with attainment of an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above in that course of study. Students using this eligibility requirement must also complete the PUSD Oral Language Proficiency Verification form.

Or

- d. Pass the CDE approved Tagalog assessment with a score of 75% or higher on the reading assessment and Stage 2 “High” or higher on the listening, speaking, and writing assessments.

If the primary language of a pupil in high school is other than English, he/she shall do both of the following in order to qualify for the California State Seal of Biliteracy:

1. Attain level four overall on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).
2. Meet all the above listed criteria within Proficiency in English and Proficiency in a Language Other Than English.

*(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)*

*(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)*

*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)*

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain appropriate records to identify high school students who qualify for the award and shall affix the insignia to the diploma or transcript of each student who earns the award. (Education Code 51463)