



POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Student:

This letter is to notify you of an exciting opportunity in our district. We have recently adopted the California State Seal of Biliteracy to be awarded to our high school seniors. The State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB), provides recognition to high school students who are fluent in two or more languages. In order for students to be considered candidates for the SSB, they must meet the criteria outlined below. Once the criteria have been met, the SSB insignia will be placed on your diploma, and noted on your transcript.

1. Completion of four years of English coursework with an average GPA of 2.0 or higher
2. SBAC/ELA in 11th grade – Standard Met or Standard Exceeded – **THIS REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN WAIVED FOR CLASS OF 2021**
3. Demonstrate proficiency in an additional language through **one** of the following:
 - a. AP World Language exam score of 3 or higher
OR
 - b. SAT II Subject test for an additional language with a score of 600 or higher
OR
 - c. Complete a four-year high school course of study in a world language with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher in that course of study. Years of language taken in middle school do not count. **Students using this eligibility requirement must also:**
 - i. 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 Speaking and Writing assessments.
4. If you are currently identified as an EL student, you must have attained an overall level 4 on your most recent ELPAC test.

Applications for this recognition can be obtained from your counselor at school. Counselors will not be identifying students who qualify for this award. Thus, you will be responsible for applying for the SSB, if you are interested, and submitting the required paperwork and forms by the deadline of April 1 of your senior year. Late applications will NOT be accepted. If you have further questions, please contact your counselor. We hope that you’ll consider applying for this special recognition!

Sincerely,

Mercedes Hubschmitt
Director, Categorical Programs