
Benefits of the *Seal of Biliteracy*:

The benefits for the students who receive the *Seal of Biliteracy* award are many. First of all, earning this distinction encourages our students to develop the skills they need in order to be prepared to become successful in a multicultural, multilingual world.

Secondly, this award has created a renewed interest in studying world languages at our high schools. Additionally, the *Seal of Biliteracy* allows our students to affirm the value of diversity in a multicultural society as well as in our community.

Finally, the demand for job-seeking employees to be fluent in more than one language is increasing in California and throughout the world. Therefore, preparing our students to become bilingual and biliterate is one of our top priorities.

The State *Seal of Biliteracy* is awarded following a review of the student qualifications in accordance with the state-established criteria.

Furthermore, the Compton Unified School District will affix a state of California *Seal of Biliteracy* stamp on each of the recipients' diploma as an indicator of their accomplishment. Additionally, the award will be noted on the student's school transcript.



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Proudly Presents: *The Seal of Biliteracy Award For Middle School*



Important Information:

The State of California *Seal of Biliteracy* (SSB) award became effective on January 1, 2012. Currently, California is the first state in the nation to honor high school seniors who are proficient in one or more languages other than English.

Benefits:

The Seal of Biliteracy takes the form of a gold seal that appears on the transcript or diploma of the graduating senior and is a statement of accomplishment for future employers and for college admissions.

The Seal of Biliteracy promotes foreign language study that prepares students for life beyond high school.

The Seal of Biliteracy promotes participation in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes and exams.

The Seal of Biliteracy provides students with a competitive edge in the employment market as well as increased opportunities for higher education.

Foreign-language careers on rise

•Health Care, Education, Government, Customer Service, Law Enforcement, Finance, Communication, Social Services, Information Technology, International Relations, Human Resources, Hospitality, and many more.

Nearly 25,000 graduating high school students across California this summer have earned state recognition for achieving proficiency in multiple languages.

You could be next!

Seal of Biliteracy Criteria:

In order to receive the *Seal of Biliteracy* award, the following criteria must be met upon graduating from high school:

1. Score at levels 3 or 4 on the grade 7 CAASPP in English Language Arts, or an equivalent local test.
2. Submit to the teacher a reading log documenting at least ten books at grade level read in a language other than English
3. Score “3” or “4” on an essay written in a language other than English on “Why are bilingualism and biliteracy important to a work of study or career you may be considering?” Essays are graded on site using a standardized scoring rubric.

If you or your student believe that he or she may qualify to receive the *Seal of Biliteracy* award, please speak to the teachers or counselors at the school to obtain additional information about meeting the requirements to receive this special recognition.



OR

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