

Awards for Achievement

The Governing Board encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for exemplary achievements in academic, athletic, extracurricular, or community service activities.

District/School Awards

Student awards may include verbal recognition, a letter, a certificate, a Board resolution, public ceremony, trophy, gift, plaque, or cash gift.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop criteria for the selection of student award recipients.

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

At graduation from high school, special recognition shall be awarded to those students whose academic achievements in core curriculum areas have been outstanding.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify high school students who have demonstrated mastery of the high school curriculum qualifying them for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma. (Education Code 51454))

Biliteracy Award

The district shall present the State Seal of Biliteracy to each graduation high school student who has attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. (Education Code 51460-51464)

In order to affirm the value of bilingualism and encourage students' enrollment in world language programs, the Superintendent or designee may present awards at appropriate grade levels to recognize the pursuit and/or attainment of grade-level proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English.

Reference:

Education Code	
220	Nondiscrimination
35160	Authority of governing boards
44015	Awards to employees and students
51243-51245	Credit for foreign language school instruction
51450-51455	Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
51460-51464	State Seal of Biliteracy
52164.1	Assessment of English language skills of English learners

California Code of Regulations, Title 5

876	Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
1632	Credit for private school foreign language instruction
11510-11516	California English Language Development Test

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www/csba.org>

California Department of Education:

[http://www.gamutonline.net/DisplayPolicy/171579/%3Ca%20href=cde.ca.gov">http://www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.gamutonline.net/DisplayPolicy/171579/%3Ca%20href=cde.ca.gov)

Californians Together: <http://www%3c/a%3E.californianstogether.org>

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