

**AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT**

The Superintendent or designee may appoint an awards committee at each school which may consist of school administrators, teachers, parents/guardians, community members, and student representatives. The committee shall submit recommendations for student awards to the Superintendent or designee for approval.

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

**Golden State Seal Merit Diploma**

To be eligible to receive the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma upon graduation from high school, a student shall complete all requirements for a high school diploma and demonstrate, in accordance with the means adopted by the State Board of Education, mastery of the curriculum in mathematics, English language arts, science, United States history, and two other subject matter areas selected by the student. (Education Code 51451, 51452; 5 CCR 876)

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)*  
*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*

The Superintendent or designee shall submit an insignia request form to the California Department of Education in sufficient time to allow processing of the request prior to the high school graduation ceremony.

**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)

*(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)*  
*(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)*  
*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)*

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