

## Students

BP 5126 (a)

### AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

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

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)  
(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

#### District/School Awards

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

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

#### Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

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

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

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

#### State Seal of Biliteracy

The district shall present the State Seal of Biliteracy to each graduating 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)

(cf. 6142.2 - World Language Instruction)  
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

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. The Superintendent or designee may also present awards to

English learners who are reclassified as fluent English proficient to recognize proficiency in both English and the student's native language.

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### State Seal of Civic Engagement

The Superintendent or designee shall present the State Seal of Civic Engagement to each student who demonstrates excellence in civics education and participation and has demonstrated an understanding of the U.S. Constitution, the California Constitution, and the democratic system of government. (Education Code 51470-51474)

All district students shall be afforded the opportunity to earn the State Seal of Civic Engagement, regardless of their background, communities, or experiences. No student shall be denied such opportunity based on academic ability, alternative school setting, or unique or unconventional expression of civic engagement.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

(cf. 6157 - Distance Learning)

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

220 Nondiscrimination

35160 Authority of governing boards

35310-35319 Scholarship and loan funds

44015 Awards to employees and students

51243-51245 Credit for private school foreign language instruction

51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

51460-51464 State Seal of Biliteracy

51470-51474 State Seal of Civic Engagement

52164.1 Assessment of English language skills of English learners

##### GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54963 Brown Act open meeting laws

##### 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

11517.6-11519.5 English Language Proficiency Assessments for California

#### Management Resources:

##### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

SSCE Implementation Guidance

##### WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Californians Together: <http://www.californianstogether.org>

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