

Are you Bilingual?

If so, you may qualify for the
Seal of Biliteracy



What is the Seal of Biliteracy? The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, school district or county office of education in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. Appearing on the transcript of the graduating senior, the Seal of Biliteracy is a statement of accomplishment for college admissions and for future employers.

How do you qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy? There are two ways to qualify:

1. Eligibility criteria for a student whose primary language is English
 - a. Complete all English language arts requirements with a GPA of 2.0 or higher;
 - b. Pass the California Standards Test (CST) in ELA (administered in grade eleven) at the "proficient" level; and
 - c. Proficiency in one or more languages, in addition to English, demonstrated through one of the following methods:
 - i. Passing a foreign language Advanced Placement examination with a score of 3 or higher no later than 11th grade;
 - ii. Successful completion of a four-year high school course of study in a foreign language with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above;
 - iii. Pass a district language assessment certified by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; or
 - d. Pass the SAT II foreign language exam with a score of 600 or higher.
2. Eligibility criteria for a student whose primary language is not English
 - a. Attain the Early Advanced proficiency level on the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). For purposes of this paragraph, a participating school district may administer the CELDT test an additional time as necessary.
 - b. Meet all the criteria listed above in 1a, 1b, and 1c.

See your school counselor for more information.