

Policy 5126: Awards For Achievement

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

No fee or other cost shall be charged to any student in relation to any requirements in qualifying for or receiving any district achievement awards.

District/School Awards

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

The Superintendent or designee shall develop criteria for the selection of student 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)

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, as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 51460-51464).

District Awards for Biliteracy

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.

State Seal of Civic Engagement

The Superintendent or designee shall present the State Seal of Civic Engagement to each 11th or 12th grade 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 51470-51475)

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.

State References and Description

5 CCR 11517.6-11519.5 English Language Proficiency Assessments for California

5 CCR 1632 Alternative credits toward graduation for foreign language instruction in private school

5 CCR 876 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

Ed. Code 220 Prohibition of discrimination

Ed. Code 35160 Authority of governing boards

Ed. Code 35310-35319 Scholarship and loan funds

Ed. Code 44015 Awards to employees and students

Ed. Code 51007 Equitable access to programs designed to strengthen technological skills

Ed. Code 51243-51245 Credit for private school foreign language instruction

Ed. Code 51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

Ed. Code 51460-51464 State Seal of Biliteracy
Ed. Code 51470-51475 State Seal of Civic Engagement
Ed. Code 52164.1 Assessment of English language skills of English learners
Gov. Code 54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act

Management Resources References and Description

California Department of Education Publication State Seal of Biliteracy FAQs
California Department of Education Publication SSCE Implementation Guidance
Website CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website Californians Together
Website CSBA Website California Department of Education

Cross References and Description

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