

Seal of Biliteracy

Marshall Dual Language Program, MPUSD

Rationale: The purposes for instituting the Seal of Biliteracy Awards include:

- To encourage students to study languages
- To recognize and value the biliteracy skills of all students
- To prepare students with 21st century skills
- To strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a community

Who is Eligible: 5th graders

Award Ceremony: In May, to much fanfare

Award Descriptions and Criteria:

Bilingual Participation Award	Bilingual Attainment Award
Silver medals	Gold Medals
-At least 3 years in DLP	-4 or 5 on second language, as measured by CELDT or QIA
	-Proficient or Advanced on CST ELA
	-Proficient or Advanced on SLA benchmarks
-Oral or written submission in both languages	-Proficient or Advanced (by rubric) on oral or written submissions in both languages

Sample prompts for oral or written submissions:

- ✓ Why is bilingualism important to your family?
- ✓ Why is bilingualism important to your future career?
- ✓ What important differences are there between the languages you have learned? What features of the languages might make it easier or more difficult than other languages?
- ✓ Describe a memorable experience using your target language in your community.
- ✓ Why has it been valuable to you to go to school with students and families of different languages and cultures?

Possible Partnerships:

- Spanish publisher who will donate medals
- Seaside panadería? Evelyn's contact
- LULAC
- Invite Monterey County Weekly, MCOE, MPUSD Board, Monterey Herald