

## **Pajaro Valley Unified School District Seal of Biliteracy Award**

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### **Seal of Biliteracy**

To be eligible to receive the district's Biliteracy Award upon graduation, a student shall demonstrate:

1. Successful completion of all high school graduation requirements with a minimum overall GPA of 2.0;
2. Successful completion ("B" or better) of high school English graduation requirements;
3. Successful completion ("B" or better) of a 3 year World Language Series (same language), including an AP course; 4. Score of "3" or better on the AP Exam\* in World Language (listening, speaking, reading, writing); 5. Completion of documented community service required for graduation (20 hours in English and 20 hours in the other language or 40 hours in a bilingual setting); 6. Submission of a student initiated application.

\*In the event there is no AP exam in the World Language of choice, the district will obtain a suitable assessment and/or contact other schools districts for an exam used in their Biliteracy Seal process for that language. The Superintendent or designee shall annually distribute information about the eligibility requirements for the Seal of Biliteracy Award and the application process to students at least beginning in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. (See "Oversight and Implementation" below) The Superintendent or designee shall award a medallion prior to graduation day so that a student may wear their award to graduation. The Superintendent or designee shall affix an insignia to the diploma of each student awarded the Seal of Biliteracy Award.

### **Certificate of Bilingual Competency**

To be eligible to receive the district's Certificate of Bilingual Competency recognition upon graduation, a student shall demonstrate:

1. Successful completion of all high school graduation requirements with a minimum overall GPA of 2.0;
2. Successful completion ("B" or better) of high school English graduation requirements;
3. Successful completion ("B" or better) of 3 years of foreign language study; (May include foreign language and one content course [math, science, etc.] );
4. Completion of documented community service (20 hours in English and 20 hours in the other language or 40 hours in a bilingual setting);
5. Submission of a student initiated application. The Superintendent or designee shall annually distribute information about the eligibility requirements for the Certificate of Bilingual Competency and the application process to students at least beginning in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. (See "Oversight and Implementation" below) The Superintendent or designee shall award the Certificate of Bilingual Competency recognition prior to graduation day.

### **Oversight and Implementation**

To ensure ample opportunity for students to participate in this award program, for both the Seal of Biliteracy and the Certificate of Bilingual Competency recognition, the

Department of Categorical and English Learner Programs shall:

- monitor and oversee the design, development, and purchase of awards;
- \*communicate with school personnel, students, and parents to publicize the essential elements of the program;
- distribute information about the eligibility requirements for the Bilingual Seal Award and the Certificate of Bilingual Competency recognition in a timely fashion;
- make available applications and coordinate the application process;
- establish timeframes for ample opportunity for students to fulfill application requirements;
- receive and review applications;
- make recommendation to the Superintendent a list of successful candidates; and
- ensure notification to students of the awards prior to graduation day