

Albany USD

Board Policy

Awards For Achievement

BP 5126

Students

The Board of Education encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for unique or exemplary achievements in academic, extracurricular or community service activities. The purpose of such awards shall be consistent with school goals.

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

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 procedures for the appropriate selection of student award recipients.

Merit Diplomas

At a high school awards ceremony, special recognition shall be awarded to those students whose academic achievements have been outstanding.

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

Biliteracy Award

In order to recognize and encourage linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy, the District shall present a biliteracy award to each graduating high school student who demonstrates proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. The Superintendent or designee shall approve applications for the award based on a review of student qualifications in accordance with District-established criteria.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards
35310-35319 Scholarship and loan funds
44015 Awards to employees and students
51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
876 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Golden State Seal Merit Diploma:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/meritdiploma.asp>

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

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