

Albany USD

Administrative Regulation

Awards For Achievement

AR 5126

Students

Merit Diplomas

To be eligible to receive the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma upon graduation, students shall complete all requirements for a high school diploma and shall demonstrate a mastery of at least six subject areas, four of which shall be mathematics, English language arts, science and United States history, with the remaining two subject areas selected by the student. (Education Code 51451)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

To demonstrate mastery of these subject areas, students shall achieve the standards or achievement levels established by the State Board of Education. (Education Code 51452; 5 CCR 876)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

The Superintendent or designee shall affix an insignia to the diploma and transcript of each student awarded the merit diploma. (Education Code 51454)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Biliteracy Award

To be eligible to receive the District's biliteracy award upon graduation, a student shall:

1. Complete all English language arts requirements, with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above in those classes
2. Pass the California Standards Test (CST) in English/Language Arts at the proficient or above level
3. Demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages other than English, by fulfilling at least one of the following requirements:

a. Receive a passing score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement exam for foreign language

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

b. Successfully complete a four-year course of study in the same foreign language, attaining an overall GPA of 3.0 or above in those courses

c. Pass the SAT II foreign language examination with a score of 600 or higher

If the primary language of a pupil in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, is other than English, he or she shall do both of the following in order to qualify for the State Seal of Biliteracy:

1. Attain the early advanced proficiency level on the California English Language Development Test (CELDT)
2. Meet the requirements of items one (1) through three (3) above

(cf. 6142.2 World/Foreign Language Instruction)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually distribute information about the eligibility requirements for the award and the application process to students in grade 12.

The Superintendent or designee shall affix an insignia to the diploma of each student awarded the biliteracy award.

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