

# **Ceres USD**

## **Administrative Regulation**

### **Awards For Achievement**

AR 5126  
**Students**

The Superintendent or designee may appoint a committee at each school to consider awards for student accomplishments. This committee may consist of school administrators, teachers, parents/guardians and/or community members.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

The committee shall submit recommendations for student awards to the Superintendent or designee for approval.

Individual awards in excess of \$200 must be expressly approved by the Governing Board. (Education Code 44015)

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

To be eligible to receive the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma upon high school graduation, a student shall: (Education Code 51451, 51452; 5 CCR 876)

1. Complete all requirements for a high school diploma

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

2. Demonstrate mastery of at least six subject areas by earning a scaled score of 370 or above on six separate high school California Standards Tests (CST), including:

a. One mathematics exam, excluding the Algebra I, General Mathematics, or Integrated Mathematics 1 test

b. One English language arts exam

c. One science exam, excluding the grade 10 Life Science exam

d. The grade 11 history-social science exam (United States history)

e. Two additional CSTs of the student's choice, which may, but are not required to,

include additional exams in mathematics, English language arts, science, or history-social science

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain appropriate records to identify students who are eligible for the merit and shall affix an insignia to the diploma and transcript of each student awarded the merit diploma. (Education Code 51454)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall submit an insignia request form to the California Department of Education in sufficient time to allow processing of the request prior to the high school graduation ceremony.

### ***Seal of Biliteracy***

***To be eligible to receive the Ceres Unified Biliteracy award upon graduation, a student shall:***

- ***Pass the California Standards Test in English Language Arts administered in grade 11 at a proficient level or above AND do all of the following:***
  1. ***Successfully complete four years of instruction in English Language Arts with a grade of “B” or better each semester in year four.***
  2. ***Successfully demonstrate literacy through four years of instruction in a language other than English with a grade of “B” or better each semester in year four or through an equivalent measurement of literacy.***
  3. ***Pass an Advanced Placement (AP) Modern Language test (either AP Language or AP Literature) in a subject other than English with a score of three.***

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