

VISION

Prepare students to become 21st century global citizens in a multicultural, multilingual world

WHAT IS BILITERACY?

The ability to speak, read, and write in two or more languages at a proficient level



AWARD COMPONENTS

- Certificate
- Seal on diploma
- Transcript notation

Both the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce and The National Association for Bilingual Education have formally endorsed the Seal of Biliteracy.

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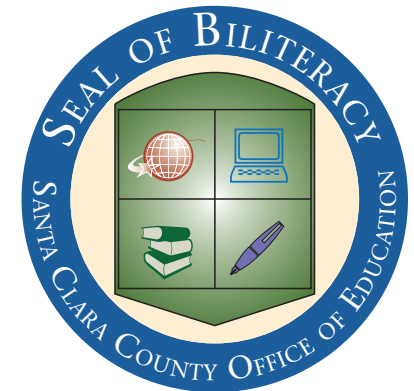
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Seal of Biliteracy Consortium



**Seal of Biliteracy
for Eligible Graduating
High School Seniors**

WHAT IS THE SEAL OF BILITERACY?



The Seal of Bilingual Education is an award given by the Santa Clara County Office of Education in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.

Appearing on the transcript of the graduating senior, the Seal of Bilingual Education is a statement of accomplishment for gaining competency in two or more languages, and is viewed as an asset when applying for college admission.

GOALS

In awarding the Seal of Bilingual Education to graduating seniors who met the requirements, the Santa Clara County Office of Education seeks to

- Encourage students to develop and maintain bilingual and multilingual skills;
- Recognize and honor our rich and diverse language assets;
- Promote world language instruction in our schools;
- Promote the development of language and cultural appreciation and cross-cultural understanding;
- Encourage the development of dual language immersion programs, and foreign, native, and heritage language programs in schools; and
- Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and bilingual skills.

ELIGIBILITY

The Seal will be awarded to graduating seniors in Santa Clara County districts who have mastered standard academic English and any other language. Students wishing to receive the Seal of Bilingual Education must be verified by their home district and meet the following four requirements:

- 1) Complete all English language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or above in those classes.
 - 2) Pass the California Standards Test in English language arts administered in grade 11 at the proficient level or above.
 - 3) Be proficient in one or more languages in addition to English as demonstrated through one of four options (a-d)
 - 4) If the primary language of a grade 9-12 pupil is other than English, he or she shall do both of the following in order to qualify for the Seal of Bilingual Education:
 - *Attain the early advanced proficiency level on the English language development test (CELDT). A participating school district may administer the English language development test an additional time as necessary.*
 - *Meet the requirements above as stated in 1, 2, and 3 (a-d)*
- * More detailed information on how to obtain the Seal of Bilingual Education is provided in the World Languages: Online, Local and Assessment Resources. Visit www.sccoe.org/depts/ell/sealofbilingual.asp.
- * Students who are competent in two languages but do not fit one of the six eligibility options should contact their district's Seal of Bilingual Education representative shown on this brochure's reverse side.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OPTIONS

- a) Passing a foreign language Advanced Placement examination with a score of 3 or higher or an International Baccalaureate examination with a score of 4 or higher. Attain a score of "4" or higher on an International Baccalaureate (IB) Examination in a language other than English.

OR

- b) Complete the district's approved consecutive four-year course of study in the same foreign language, and attain an overall GPA of 3.0 or above in those courses (verified by transcript).

OR

- c) If no AP examination or off-the-shelf language test exists and the district uses its own language examination, the school district must certify to the Superintendent that the test meets the rigor of a four-year high school course of study in that foreign language.

If a district offers a language examination in a language in which an AP examination or off-the-shelf examination exists, the district language examination must be approved by the Superintendent.

OR

- d) Pass the SAT II foreign language exam with a score of 600 or higher.

