

State Seal of Biliteracy



The State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB), is a recognition given by the California state Superintendent of Public Education to high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. *The Seal of Biliteracy insignia is affixed to transcript or diploma of the graduating senior and is statement of accomplishment for future employers and for college admissions.* Students will also be recognized at Senior Awards Night and receive a medallion for graduation ceremony.

The Seal of Biliteracy is intended to:

- Certify mastery of two or more languages
- Encourage and emphasize the value of knowing many languages
- Encourage broader intercultural understanding
- Provide universities with a method by which to confer academic credit to applicants seeking admission
- Provide employers with a method to identify prospective employees with language and biliteracy skills

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify for the SSB, high school graduates must meet all the following criteria:

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 Assessment of Student Performance and Progress for English language arts, administered in grade eleven, at or above the “standard met” achievement level.**
3. Achieve proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English, demonstrated through one of the following methods:
 - Pass a foreign language Advanced Placement (AP) examination with a score of 3 or higher or an International Baccalaureate (IB) examination with a score of 4 or higher.
 - Successfully complete a four-year high school course of study in a foreign (world) language with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above in that course of study,
 - Pass the Scholastic Assessment Test II Foreign Language Examination with a score of 600 or higher.
4. If the primary language of a pupil in any of grades nine through twelve (inclusive) is other than English, he or she shall do both of the following in order to qualify for the SSB:
 1. Attain the level demonstrating English language proficiency on the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) or English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).
 2. Meet all the criteria listed above in *1, 2, and 3.*

When to apply?

- Senior year
- No later than **February 2, 2018**

How to apply?

- Complete application *on page 2.*
- Return your completed application to your advisor for verification by February 2, 2018

Questions?

Contact Aída Díaz, Family Engagement Coordinator, (310)450-8338 Ext. 70331 or at adiaz@smmusd.org



California State Seal of Biliteracy Application: Graduating Seniors

Please return this application to your Advisor for verification by February 2, 2018.

PLEASE PRINT Legibly

Student's Name: _____

Language: _____

Student ID _____

The California State Seal of Biliteracy is a special recognition for students who have a high level of proficiency in two languages. If you meet the requirements you will receive a certificate, a State Seal insignia on your diploma and a medallion to wear on graduation day.

I wish to receive the Seal of Biliteracy Recognition and have met the following requirements:

- ____ 1) An overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above in English Language Arts classes 9-12 grade; AND
- ____ 2) Proficiency in English as demonstrated through ONE of the following:
- Pass the California Assessment of Student Performance & Achievement (CAASPP) for English Language Arts (ELA) administered in grade eleven at or above the "standard met" achievement level. AND
- ____ 3) Demonstrate proficiency in one or more world languages other than English through ONE of the following:
- Pass a foreign language Advanced Placement (AP) examination with a score of 3 or higher or an International Baccalaureate (IB) examination with a score of 4 or higher. OR
 - Pass the SAT II Foreign Language Examination with a score of 600 or higher. OR
 - Successful completion of a four-year high school course of study in a foreign (world) language with a 3.0 or above in that course of study.

Eligibility Criteria for a Student Whose Primary Language is NOT English (English Learners)
Meet the requirements above AND the following requirement:

- ____ 4) Achieve overall Early Advanced or Advanced proficiency level on the California English Language Development Test CELDT) or English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)

Student Signature

Date

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Please verify the following:

<input type="checkbox"/>	1) A minimum overall GPA of 2.0 on graduation requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2) Successfully met ONE of the English Proficiency requirements above. <i>Please indicate which one above.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3) Successfully met ONE of the World Language requirements above. <i>Please indicate which one above.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	4) Successfully met CELDT requirement for student whose primary language is not English.

Advisor Signature

Date

Please return signed applications to Aida Diaz- Ed Services by Friday, February 23, 2018

District Program Administrator Signature

Date