

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Board Policy

Students

BP 5126

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

The Governing Board encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for exemplary achievement in academic, athletic, extracurricular, or community service activities.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

District/School Awards

Student awards may include verbal recognition, a letter, a certificate, a Board resolution, public ceremony, trophy, gift, plaque, or cash gift.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop criteria for the selection of student award recipients.

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

At graduation from high school, special recognition shall be awarded to those students whose academic achievements in core curriculum areas 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)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

Biliteracy Award

The district shall present the State Seal of Biliteracy to each graduating high school student who has attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. (Education Code 51460-51464)

(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220	Nondiscrimination
35160	Authority of governing boards
35310-35319	Scholarship and loan funds
44015	Awards to employees and students
51243-51245	Credit for private school foreign language instruction
51450-51455	Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
51460-51464	State Seal of Biliteracy

52164.1 *Assessment of English language skills of English learners*
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
876 *Golden State Seal Merit Diploma*
1632 *Credit for private school foreign language instruction*
11510-11516 *California English Language Development Test*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Californians Together: <http://www.californianstogether.org>

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