

What is the California State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB)?

- ❖ The SSB is a form of recognition from the California State Superintendent of Instruction of graduating high school seniors who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing, in one or more languages, in addition to English.
- ❖ It is an indicator of accomplishment for future employers and college admissions.
- ❖ It consists of a gold, embossed, seal affixed to the student's diploma, and it is also reflected on the student's transcript.

What is the purpose of the California State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB)?

- ❖ To recognize the value of biliteracy as a 21st century skill.
- ❖ To encourage students to pursue biliteracy.
- ❖ To honor the achievements of our students.

How do students apply for the California State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB)?

- ❖ Students should contact their school counseling office to pick up an application, if they are interested.

What is the deadline to apply for the California State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB)?

- ❖ April 1

Can students apply for the California State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB) in more than one language?

- ❖ Yes, but a separate application needs to be completed for each language, and all requirements must be met for each individual language.

Is there an application fee?

- ❖ The California State Seal of Biliteracy is free to all students who apply and meet the criteria.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY

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CALIFORNIA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY REQUIREMENTS

The California State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB) shall be awarded to students who apply, complete the requirements for a high school diploma, and meet all of the requirements referenced in this brochure.



Demonstrate proficiency in English by completing both of the following:

- ❖ Complete all English Language Arts requirements for graduation with an overall GPA of 2.0 or above in those classes.
- ❖ Attain the level of “Standard Met” on the English Language Arts portion of the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment (SBAC) administered in grade 11.

Students currently identified as English Language Learners (ELL) must complete the following:

- ❖ Attain a score of 1558 or higher overall on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).

Demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English by completing one of the following:

- ❖ Pass an additional language Advanced Placement examination with a score of 3 or higher.

OR

- ❖ Pass an additional language SAT II examination with a score of 600 or higher.

OR

- ❖ Complete a four year high school course of study in a world language, with attainment of an overall GPA of 3.0 or above in that course of study, AND completion of the Oral Language Proficiency Verification form. Please note: Middle school language courses do not count towards this requirement.