

# State Seal of Biliteracy

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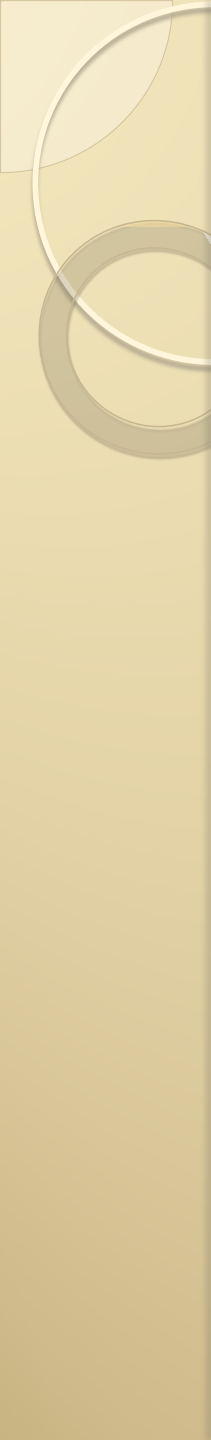


# What is the State Seal of Biliteracy?

A transcript/diploma award for graduating students in recognition of their study and proficiency in two or more languages.

# PURPOSE

- To certify mastery of two or more languages
- To provide universities with a method to confer academic credit to applicants
- To provide employers with a method to identify prospective employees with biliterate/bilingual skills

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- To build student strengths, recognizing that home language and culture are valued resources that contribute to academic success
  - To encourage students to study other languages

# OUSD STRATEGIC PLAN

## Goal #1

- All students will meet or exceed proficiency in core content areas.

## Goal #2

- Students will be challenged with academic rigor, engaged with relevance, and provided opportunities to explore a variety of educational options.

# BACKGROUND

- Developed in 2008 by a superintendent in San Jose'
- 33 school districts by December 2010
- 57 school districts by June 2011
- AB 815 signed by the Governor
- Only *Anaheim City School District* and *Anaheim Union High School District* offer the Seal

# CRITERIA

- English proficiency
- World language proficiency
  - ❖ Spanish
  - ❖ French
  - ❖ German
  - ❖ Chinese



# ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

- All English/Language Arts graduation requirements with an overall 2.0 GPA or better, AND
- Proficient or Advanced on English/Language Arts California State Test (CST)



# WORLD LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

## **Complete (*one of the four*):**

- AP exam score of 3 or higher, IB exam score of 4 or higher, **or**
- Successful completion (GPA of 3.0 or better) of a four-year high school course of study in the same world language, **or**
- Pass a district world language test TBD, **or**
- Pass a foreign government's approved language exam TBD

# ACTION PLAN

- Communication with the Board of Education, Ed Services, Curriculum Council, secondary administration, counselors, teachers, and support staff
- Transcript adjustment

- Develop process and packet of information for high schools
  - ✓ Timeline
  - ✓ Student eligibility application form
  - ✓ Supporting roles of administration and staff
  - ✓ Diploma Seal and Graduation Regalia



