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## Benefits of the *Seal of Bilingual*

The benefits for the students who receive the *Seal of Bilingual* award are many. First of all, earning this distinction encourages our students to develop the skills they need in order to be prepared to become successful in a multicultural, multilingual world.

Secondly, this award has created a renewed interest in studying world languages at our high schools. Additionally, the *Seal of Bilingual* allows our students to affirm the value of diversity in a multicultural society as well as in our community.

Finally, the demand for job-seeking employees to be fluent in more than one language is increasing in California and throughout the world. Therefore, preparing our students to become bilingual and biliterate is one of our top priorities.

The State *Seal of Bilingual* is awarded following a review of the student qualifications in accordance with the state-established criteria.

Furthermore, the Compton Unified School District will affix a state of California *Seal of Bilingual* stamp on each of the recipients' diploma as an indicator of their accomplishment. Additionally, the award will be noted on the student's school transcript.



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## Proudly Presents: *The Seal of Bilingual Award For High School*



## Important Information:

The State of California *Seal of Biliteracy* (SSB) award became effective on January 1, 2012. Currently, California is the first state in the nation to honor high school seniors who are proficient in one or more languages other than English.

### **Benefits:**

The Seal of Biliteracy takes the form of a gold seal that appears on the transcript or diploma of the graduating senior and is a statement of accomplishment for future employers and for college admissions.

The Seal of Biliteracy promotes foreign language study that prepares students for life beyond high school.

The Seal of Biliteracy promotes participation in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes and exams.

The Seal of Biliteracy provides students with a competitive edge in the employment market as well as increased opportunities for higher education.

### **Foreign-language careers on rise**

•Health Care, Education, Government, Customer Service, Law Enforcement, Finance, Communication, Social Services, Information Technology, International Relations, Human Resources, Hospitality, and many more.

Nearly 25,000 graduating high school students across California this summer have earned state recognition for achieving proficiency in multiple languages.

**You could be next!**

## Seal of Biliteracy Criteria:

In order to receive the *Seal of Biliteracy* award, the following criteria must be met upon graduating from high school:

1. Students must have completed all English–language arts (ELA) requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above in those classes.
2. Score at levels 3 or 4 on the grade 11 CAASPP in English Language Arts.
3. Proficiency in one or more languages other than English as demonstrated in one of the following ways:
  - a. Score of 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam in a foreign language;
  - b. Score of 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam in a foreign language.
  - c. Complete four years (or equivalent) of CUSD world language coursework with grades of B or higher in each semester
  - d. Score “600” or higher on a SAT Subject Test in any language other than English

If the student’s primary language is other than English, the student should meet the following requirements:

1. Overall proficiency of Early Advanced or Advanced on the California English Language Development Test (CELDT)
2. Meet the requirements above as stated in 1, 2,

If you or your student believe that he or she may qualify to receive the *Seal of Biliteracy* award, please speak to the teachers or counselors at the school to obtain additional information about meeting the requirements to receive this special recognition.



OR

For information, please contact:

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