



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB)

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Purpose of the SSB

- The State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB) **recognizes** high school graduates who have attained a **high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing one or more languages in addition to English.**
- The SSB is **awarded by the California Department of Education's** State Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with specified criteria set forth in the legislation.
- This recognition is marked by a **gold seal** on the diploma or transcript.





SSB Eligibility Criteria

Criteria for proficiency in English:

All requirements must be met.

- Complete all **English language arts** requirements for graduation with an overall **grade point average (GPA) of 2.0** in those classes.
- Pass the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (**CAASPP**) for **English language arts** administered in **grade eleven**, at or above the “**standard met**” achievement level.
- * For English Learners (ELs): **Demonstrate English proficiency** on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (**ELPAC**), or any previous or successor state English language proficiency assessment, in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive.

Criteria for proficiency in a language other than English:

ONE of the following must be met.

- Pass a world language **Advanced Placement (AP)** examination with a score of 3 or higher, or an **International Baccalaureate (IB)** examination with a score of 4 or more.
- Successfully complete a **four-year high school course of study in a world language**, attaining an **overall GPA of 3.0** or higher in that course of study, and **demonstrate oral proficiency** in the language comparable to that required to pass an AP or IB examination.
- Pass the **SAT II world language examination** with a score of 600 or higher.



Application Timeline

- **Now - March 3:** Disseminate information about the State Seal of Biliteracy
- **March 3: Deadline** for students to submit the **online application**
- **March 3-16:** Counselors/advisors review applications, follow up with students as necessary, and validate requests
- **Before graduation:** Gold seal affixed to student's diplomas



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What is the State Seal of Biliteracy?

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Where can I find more information about the State Seal of Biliteracy?

More information about the State Seal of Biliteracy is available on the California Department of Education State Seal of Biliteracy web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sealofbiliteracy.asp> or scan the QR code at the bottom of this poster.



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How Can You Earn the California State Seal of Biliteracy?

To earn the California State Seal of Biliteracy, graduating high school seniors must demonstrate proficiency in English and one or more languages in addition to English. See reverse for details.

More Information



For more information on the State Seal of Biliteracy, visit the California Department of Education (CDE) State Seal of Biliteracy web page by scanning this QR code or typing this address into your browser:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sealofbiliteracy.asp>

QUESTIONS?

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REQUIREMENTS

English Proficiency Requirements



Complete all English Language Arts (ELA) graduation requirements with a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or above.

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Pass the ELA California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress at the "standard met" level or above.

Second Language Proficiency Requirements

Pass an Assessment:



OR



OR



Pass either an Advanced Placement (AP) exam with a three or above, an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam with a four or above, or an SAT II with a 600 or above. Or, pass a district-approved assessment of the same rigor as an AP exam.

OR

Complete Coursework:



AND



Complete a four-year high school course of study in the language with a 3.0 GPA or above.

Demonstrate oral proficiency in the language.

Additional Requirement for Students Currently Classified as English Learners:



Demonstrate English proficiency on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California

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