

**AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT**

The Board of Trustees 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/Principal or designee shall develop criteria for the selection of student award recipients.

**Biliteracy Award**

In order to affirm the value of bilingualism and encourage students' enrollment in world language programs, the Superintendent/Principal or designee may present awards at appropriate grade levels to recognize the pursuit and/or attainment of grade-level proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English.

*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 Assessment of English language development

*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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The Superintendent/Principal or designee may appoint an awards committee at the school which may consist of school administrators, teachers, parents/guardians, community members, and student representatives. The committee shall submit recommendations for student awards to the Superintendent/Principal or designee for approval.

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

Individual awards in excess of \$200 must be expressly approved by the Board of Trustees. (Education Code 44015)