

What is Biliteracy?

The ability to speak, read, and write in two or more languages at a proficient level.



Preparing students to become 21st century global citizens in a multicultural, multilingual world.

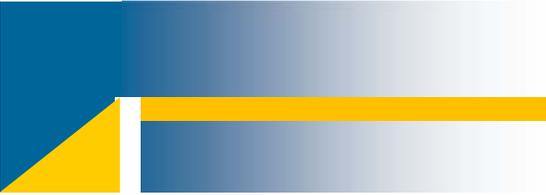
Award Components

- ◆ **Seal on Diploma**
- ◆ **Biliteracy Medallion**

California State Seal of Biliteracy



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The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the school district in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. The Seal of Biliteracy is a statement of accomplishment and is viewed as an asset for college admissions and future employers.

GOALS

In awarding the Seal of Biliteracy to graduating seniors who met the requirements, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District seeks to:

- ♦ **Encourage students to develop and maintain biliteracy and multilingual skills**
- ♦ **Affirm the value of diversity and honor the multiple cultures and languages of our community**
- ♦ **Promote world language instruction in our schools**
- ♦ **Promote the development of language and cultural appreciation and cross-cultural understanding**

ELIGIBILITY

The seal will be awarded to graduating seniors who have mastered standard academic English and any other language.

Students wishing to receive the Seal of Biliteracy must submit an application form to their school office and meet the following requirements:

- 1) Complete all requirements for a high school diploma**
- 2) Maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher**
- 3) Students must demonstrate proficiency in English through local summative assessment.**
- 4) Earn a score of proficient on the California English Language Development (CELDT) test (if taken)**
- 5) Demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages other than English by fulfilling one of the following four options:**

Language Proficiency Options

A) Receive a passing score of 3 or higher on a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate exam for a language other than English.

OR

B) Successfully complete a four-year course of study in the same world language (two years in middle school equals one year of high school course credit), attaining an overall GPA of 3.0 in those language courses.

OR

C) Completion through level 4 of a world language with an overall 3.0 grade average in those language courses.

OR

D) Pass a foreign government approved language exam and receive a certificate of competency for that language from the authorizing government agency.