

VISION

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

WHAT IS BILITERACY?

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



AWARD COMPONENTS

- Certificate
- Seal on diploma
- Transcript notation



District Contact List

Alum Rock Union Elementary Schol District

Cynthia Rodriguez (408) 928-6931

East Side Union High School District

Nguyet Dinh (408) 347-4961

San Jose Unified School District

Johanna Appel or Anthony Swan (408) 535-6112

Santa Clara Unified School District

Kris Stanga (408) 423-2231

For more information, contact:

Yee Wan, Ed.D.

Coordinator, Multilingual Programs
Santa Clara County Office of Education

yee_wan@sccoe.org

(408) 453-6825

<http://www.sccoe.org/depts/ell/sealofbiliteracy.asp>

County Board of Education

Leon F. Beauchman

Joseph Di Salvo

T.N. Ho

Jane Howard

Grace H. Mah

Craig Mann

Anna Song

County Superintendent of Schools

Charles Weis, Ph.D.

Santa Clara County  Office of Education

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131-2304

(408) 453-6500

www.sccoe.org

Santa Clara County  Office of Education

Seal of Biliteracy Consortium



Seal of Biliteracy
for Eligible Graduating
High School Seniors

WHAT IS THE SEAL OF BILITERACY?



The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the Santa Clara County Office of Education in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. Appearing on the transcript of the graduating senior, the Seal of Biliteracy is a statement of accomplishment for gaining competency in two or more languages, and is viewed as an asset when applying for college admission.

GOALS

In awarding the Seal of Biliteracy to graduating seniors who met the requirements, the Santa Clara County Office of Education seeks to

- Encourage students to develop and maintain biliteracy and multilingual skills;
- Recognize and honor our rich and diverse language assets;
- Promote world language instruction in our schools;
- Promote the development of language and cultural appreciation and cross-cultural understanding;
- Encourage the development of dual language immersion programs, and foreign, native, and heritage language programs in schools; and
- Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills.

ELIGIBILITY

The Seal will be awarded to graduating seniors in Santa Clara County districts 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 home district and meet the following four requirements:

- 1) Complete all high school graduation requirements.
- 2) Earn a score of proficient or higher in English-Language Arts on the California Standards Test.
- 3) Maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher as of fall semester, senior year.
- 4) Demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages other than English by fulfilling one of the six options.

** More detailed information on how to obtain the Seal of Biliteracy is provided in the World Languages: Online, Local and Assessment Resources pamphlet.*

** Students who are competent in two languages but do not fit one of the six eligibility options should contact the appropriate Seal of Biliteracy representative shown on this brochure's reverse side.*

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OPTIONS

a) Attain a score of "3" or higher on a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examination in a language other than English.

OR

b) Attain a score of "4" or higher on an International Baccalaureate (IB) Examination in a language other than English.

OR

c) Complete the district's approved consecutive four-year course of study in the same foreign language, and attain an overall GPA of 3.0 or above in those courses (verified by transcript).

OR

d) Earn a passing score on a district-approved Bilingual Competency Examination (verified by district test result).

OR

e) Pass a foreign government's approved language exam, or a nation's high school level standardized exam in a language from a country in which the language is taught in school.

OR

f) Provide official transcript from a foreign school or other official documents indicating that a student completed two years of secondary schooling study in the target language where the target language was the medium of instruction and the student received a grade of B or higher.

