

CVUSD

Board Policy

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Students

Awards For Achievement

The Governing Board 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.

District/School Awards

***Note: Education Code 44015 authorizes the Governing Board to give district-level awards to students for "excellence" and mandates that the district adopt rules and regulations implementing any such awards program. See the accompanying administrative regulation for language implementing this mandate. ***

Student awards may include verbal recognition, a letter, a certificate, a Board resolution, public ceremony, trophy, gift, plaque, or cash gift.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop criteria for the selection of student award recipients.

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

At graduation from high school, special recognition shall be awarded to those students whose academic achievements in core curriculum areas have been outstanding.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify high school students who have demonstrated mastery of the high school curriculum qualifying them for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma. (Education Code 51454)

Biliteracy Award

***Note: The following optional paragraph is for use by districts maintaining one or more high schools. Education Code 51460-51464 establish the State Seal of Biliteracy, a voluntary program which recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. The SPI will provide an insignia that can be affixed to the diploma or transcript of eligible students. See the accompanying administrative regulation for eligibility criteria for the award.

The district shall present the State Seal of Biliteracy to each graduating high school student who has attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. (Education Code 51460-51464)

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>