



## STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY REQUIREMENTS

The California State Seal of Biliteracy is marked by a gold seal affixed to the diploma or transcript and recognizes high school graduates who have achieved a high level of proficiency in one or more language(s) in addition to English.



To earn the **California State Seal of Biliteracy** the student must:

**DEMONSTRATE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY THROUGH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:**

### COURSEWORK:

Complete all **English language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0** in those classes. English language arts courses completed at a college or university while in high school may be used to satisfy one or more of these course requirements.

**OR**

### ASSESSMENT (CHOOSE ONE):

**Option 1: State Assessment:** Pass the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) for English language arts administered in grade 11, at or above the “standard met” achievement level.

**Option 2: Advanced Placement (AP) Assessment:** Pass an English AP examination with a score of 3 or higher (AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature or Composition, or AP Seminar).

**Option 3: International Baccalaureate (IB) Assessment:** Pass an English IB examination with a score of 4 or higher.

**Option 4: SAT:** Achieve a score of 480 or above on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section of the SAT.

### **Additional English Proficiency Requirement for English Learners Only:**

In addition to the requirements mentioned above, students who are classified as English learners must attain an **oral language composite score of level 4 on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).**

## AND

**DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN ONE OR MORE LANGUAGES, OTHER THAN ENGLISH, THROUGH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:**

### COURSEWORK:

Successfully complete a **four-year course of study in a world language at the high school or higher level, 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. World language courses completed at a college or university while in high school may be used to satisfy one or more of these course requirements.

## OR

### ASSESSMENT (CHOOSE ONE):

**Option 1: AP:** Pass a world language AP examination with a score of 3 or higher,

**Option 2: IB:** Pass an IB examination with a score of 4 or higher,

**Option 3: ACTFL:** Pass an ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with scores of intermediate mid or higher, or

**Option 4: District-Approved Assessment:**

Pass a school district language examination that, at a minimum, assesses speaking, reading, and writing in a language other than English at the proficient level or higher.

From California *Education Code* Section 51461.



For more information on the State Seal of Biliteracy, visit the **California Department of Education (CDE) State Seal of Biliteracy web page** at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ml/sealofbiliteracy.asp> or scan the QR code.

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