



Celebrating the 10TH Anniversary of the STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY!



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We're celebrating the 10th anniversary of the California State Seal of Biliteracy! In 2011, the California legislature signed AB815 into policy which means that high school students meeting the eligibility requirements can receive a seal affixed to their diploma to recognize and honor their bilingual and biliterate talents.

The State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB) was launched during the 2011-2012 school year and in 2012, 10,685 high school seniors were recognized and received the seal of biliteracy as biliterate students having proficiency in two or more languages.

The SSB has grown, and its impact has been seen across the state. We now have over 1,112 schools participating in this recognition. During the 2020-21 school year, there were 72,593 State Seal of biliteracy recipients. Since its inception, 404,428 high school seniors statewide have received this honorary recognition.

The SSB honors students' cultural and linguistic talents as an asset and a resource for learning content. For students, this recognition is also shared with their family by honoring their

family's heritage language. Students that possess linguistic capital continue strong ties with family and the community and students express pride in inheriting bilingual skills that are advantageous for their participation as global scholars in a twenty-first century market.

Considerations-Recommendations for Implementing the SSB:

- Establishment of a committee tasked to organize and equitably promote the SSB
- Social media outreach
- Leveraging communication at the district level
- Community outreach
- Recruitment, include voices of prior year recipients
- Training, PD for all staff, administrators & counselors to promote the SSB
- Budget investments
- Embedding an evaluation process to measure effectiveness
- Identifying who at the school will lead the SSB program (key person and job duties)

CDE Seal of Biliteracy Resources

- For information on implementing or expanding the Seal of Biliteracy efforts in your district, click the link or scan the QR code to visit the SSB website:
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sealofbiliteracy.asp>
 - Updated Guidance for Awarding the State Seal of Biliteracy for 2021–22 is available at this website. See the letter (8/4/21) under the tab, “Procedures, Requirements, and Forms” for the latest updates.
 - The CDE State Seal of Biliteracy Frequently Asked Questions webpage has also been updated to include questions addressing the new guidance for 2022 graduates.
- If you have questions about the State Seal of Biliteracy, please contact:
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