

**RESOLUTION NO. 1307-10/18**  
**OAK GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT THE  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BILITERACY ATTAINMENT AWARD**  
(END OF YEAR, GRADE 5)  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL BILITERACY ATTAINMENT AWARD**  
(END OF YEAR, GRADE 8)

WHEREAS, mastery of two or more languages makes important contributions to a student's cognitive development, understanding of diverse cultures, and economic opportunities, and;

WHEREAS, the study of multiple languages contributes towards our national economy and our national security;

WHEREAS, multiple languages are a critical element in enabling our city and state to participate effectively in a global political, social and economic context;

WHEREAS, the demand for employees to be fluent in more than one language is increasing both in California and throughout the world.

WHEREAS, our community is home to speakers from hundreds of different language and cultural groups, and to build trust and understanding across the multiple language and cultural groups in our diverse community requires multilingual skills of communication, and;

WHEREAS, the California PK-16 Master Plan for Education calls for pupils to graduate literate in two or more languages.

THEREFORE, it is the intent of Oak Grove School District to promote the development of literacy in two or more languages in the District's **Two-Way Bilingual Immersion (TWBI)** Program. In addition, it is the District's intent to provide recognition of the attainment of those needed and important skills through the establishment of Biliteracy Attainment Awards for students after their elementary (end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and middle (end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade) school years for students attaining functional proficiency in one or more languages, in addition to English.

The District's TWBI Program seeks to:

- establish programmatic pathway for pupils to develop biliteracy skills in two or more languages beginning in their early schooling through middle school years
- provide a "program option" for families seeking formal instruction in two or more languages
- revitalize and promote second language instruction in our schools
- encourage the development of future second language program options in more than one language
- recognize and honor our rich and diverse language assets

The Elementary School Biliteracy Attainment Award is awarded at the end of grade 5. The Middle School Biliteracy Attainment Award, and end of grade 8, shall be awarded by the Superintendent to pupils who meet all of the following requirements:

If the primary language of a pupil is English, pupil shall:

- (1) participate in a TWBI Program throughout their TK/K-8 schooling and;
- (2) meet the oral and academic standards set by the District to demonstrate grade level proficiency in the target language and in English language arts as measured by yearly testing in the target language and the Smarter Balanced assessments and;
- (3) submit an oral presentation or written essay on why Bilingualism is important to them personally, their community, and to the world within the target language with a score of 4 or 5 on a 5 point writing rubric.

If the primary language of a pupil is other than English, pupil shall:

- (1) participate in a TWBI Program throughout their TK/K-8 schooling and;
- (2) meet the oral and academic standards set by the District to demonstrate grade level proficiency in the target language and in English language arts as measured by yearly ELPAC testing in the target language and the Smarter Balanced assessments and;
- (3) submit an oral presentation or written essay on why Bilingualism is important to them personally, their community, and to the world within the target language with a score of 4 or 5 on a 5 point writing rubric.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oak Grove School District shall implement the Elementary School Biliteracy Attainment Award (end of grade 5) and the Middle School Biliteracy Attainment Award (end of grade 8).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Oak Grove School District this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Members Noel, Mackey, Hawkins and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: Member Bauer

ABSTAIN: None

I, Vice-President/Clerk of the Governing Board of the Oak Grove School District of Santa Clara County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held at its regular place of meeting at the time and by the vote above stated, which resolution is on file in the office of said Board.



Vice President/Clerk