

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

The Board of Education encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for unique or exemplary achievements in academic, extracurricular or community service activities. The purpose of such awards shall be consistent with school goals

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

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

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)
(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and bequests)

Merit Diplomas

To be eligible to receive the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma upon graduation, students shall complete all requirements for a high school diploma and shall demonstrate a mastery of at least six subject areas, four of which shall be mathematics, English language arts, science and United States history, with the remaining two subject areas selected by the student. (Education Code 51451)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency)

To demonstrate mastery of these subject areas, students shall achieve the standards or achievement levels established by the State Board of Education for Golden State Examinations and other designated subject matter examinations. (Education Code 51452)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

At graduation from high school, special recognition shall be awarded to those students whose academic achievements 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 and shall affix an insignia to the diploma and transcript of each student awarded the honors diploma. (Education Code 51454)

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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44015 Awards to employees and students

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