

**SAN LORENZO  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD POLICY**

**Students**

BP 5126

**AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT  
SEAL OF BILITERACY**

The Governing Board encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wants to publicly recognize students for exemplary achievement in academic, athletic, extracurricular or Community Service activities.

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the State in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. One of those languages must be English. The seal appears on the transcript of graduating seniors as a statement of accomplishment for college admission and for future employers. The purpose of instituting the Seal of Biliteracy includes:

- 1) To recognize and value the biliteracy skills of all students
- 2) To provide students with 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills
- 3) To encourage students to study languages
- 4) To certify attainment of biliteracy
- 5) To strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity and honor the multiple cultures and languages of our community
- 6) To provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants; and
- 7) To provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills.

The award of the Seal shall follow state guidelines for biliteracy through the passage of Assembly Bill 815 (Brownley, Chapter 618, Statutes of 2011) which became effective January 1, 2012.

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