



Merced County Seal of Biliteracy 2021-2022 For Eligible High School Students in grades 11 and 12

Vision: The Seal of Biliteracy inspires students to develop multilingual skills to better understand different cultural and linguistic populations and see the potential economic rewards in a global society.

What is Multiliteracy? Multiliteracy is the ability to be socially and academically literate with all modes of communication in multiple languages.

What is the Seal of Biliteracy? The Merced County Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the Merced County Office of Education in partnership with school districts in recognition of attained proficiency in English and at least one other world language by high school graduation. Appearing on the transcript of the graduating senior, the Seal of Biliteracy is a verification of linguistic proficiencies.

Goals	Award Components	English Eligibility	Determination of Language Proficiency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize students who have acquired proficiency in English and additional language(s) Encourage the learning of all languages Emphasize the value of knowing many languages Contribute to global understanding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assurance of a marketable skill Connection of community efforts to teach language(s) and culture(s) to the K-12 school system Transcript notation Recognition of the award at graduation ceremonies (based on district policy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who attend high school in a partnering district and are in grade 11 or 12 Have completed the first 3-years of ELA requirements with an overall GPA of 2.0 or above AND have passed the CAASPP in 11th grade at or above the "standard met" achievement level <p>*CAASPP waived for 2021 and 2022 Graduates.</p>	<p>Recipients of this award are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express themselves with clarity and efficacy orally and in writing <p>Students who have successfully completed a 3-year high school course of study in the "Target" Language with a 3.0 GPA or above in that language will respond orally in the "Target" Language in an interview (exempt from on-demand writing)</p> <p>Score to earn the Seal of Biliteracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum score is 5 Minimum score for interview is 3 <p>Students who were not enrolled or did not successfully complete 3-years of study in the "Target" Language with a 3.0 GPA or above in that language will provide an on-demand writing sample and respond orally in the "Target" Language in an interview</p> <p>Score to earn the Seal of Biliteracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum score is 10 Minimum score is 7 with no score of one or two in any single assessment (Interview and Essay)