

# **CSBA Sample**

## **Board Policy**

### **Awards For Achievement**

BP 5126

#### **Students**

The Governing Board encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for exemplary achievements in academic, athletic, extracurricular, or community service activities.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)  
(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)  
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

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

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

#### **Golden State Seal Merit Diploma**

\*\*\*Note: The following optional section is for use by districts that maintain high schools. Education Code 51450-51455 establish the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma which may be awarded by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education to students identified by the district as demonstrating mastery of the high school core curriculum. See the accompanying administrative regulation for eligibility criteria.\*\*\*

At graduation from high school, special recognition shall be awarded to those students whose academic achievements in core curriculum areas 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. (Education Code 51454)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

#### **Biliteracy Award**

\*\*\*Note: The following optional section is for use by districts that maintain high schools and may be revised to reflect district practice. An award for biliteracy is not available at the state level, but a number of districts have chosen to develop such an award locally in order to encourage the study of world languages and to recognize the achievement of

students who attain proficiency in both English and another language. See the accompanying administrative regulation for sample eligibility criteria for the award. \*\*\*

In order to recognize and encourage linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy, the district shall present a biliteracy award to each graduating high school student who demonstrates proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. The Superintendent or designee shall approve applications for the award based on a review of student qualifications in accordance with district-established criteria.

(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)  
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

#### Scholarship and Loan Fund

\*\*\*Note: Establishment of a scholarship and loan fund is optional pursuant to Education Code 35310-35319. If the district chooses to establish such a fund, it should revise the following paragraph to reflect only those purposes for which it wishes to make money available. The following optional section should be deleted by districts that do not maintain this fund.\*\*\*

The Board shall maintain a scholarship and loan fund which may be used to provide interest-free loans for educational advancement, scholarship, or grants-in-aid to bona fide organizations, students, or graduates of district schools. (Education Code 35315)

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

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

220 Nondiscrimination

35160 Authority of governing boards

35310-35319 Scholarship and loan funds

44015 Awards to employees and students

51243-51245 Credit for private school foreign language instruction

51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

##### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

876 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

1632 Credit for private school foreign language instruction

#### Management Resources:

##### WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Golden State Seal Merit Diploma:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/meritdiploma.asp>  
Californians Together: <http://www.californianstogether.org>

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