Students

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SEAL OF BILITERACY

The Board of Trustees of the District will recognize students who have developed linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy in one or more world languages offered within the District curriculum, in addition to English. The District shall present a Seal of Biliteracy on the transcript and diploma of the graduating senior as an indicator of accomplishment for future employers and for college admissions offices based on a review of the student qualifications in accordance with District established criteria.

To be eligible to receive the District's Seal of Biliteracy Award upon graduation, a student shall meet all of the following criteria:

1. Complete all requirements for a high school diploma, including completion of all English/Language Arts requirements with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or above in grades 9 through first semester grade 12.

2. Pass the California Standards Test in English-Language Arts administered in grade eleven at or above the "proficient" level.

3. Demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages, in addition to English, through one of the following criteria:
   a. Pass a world language Advanced Placement examination with a score of 3 or higher or an International Baccalaureate examination with a score of 4 or higher.
   b. Successfully complete a four-year high school course of study in a specific world language and attain an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above in that world language course of study.
   c. Pass the world language SAT Test II examination with a score of 600 or higher.

If the primary language of a student is other than English, the student shall meet both of the following criteria:

1. Attain the early advance proficiency level required California English Language Development Test (CELDT).

2. Meet all the criteria listed above in 1, 2, and 3.
CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Application to Receive the State Seal of Biliteracy
Upon Graduation – Spring, 2014
Due: May 1, 2014

I wish to receive the State Seal of Biliteracy on my high school diploma. I have met the following English/Language Arts eligibility requirements:

Student Name (print): ____________________________________________
Student's Signature: ____________________________________________
Student ID: ___________________________________________________

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS (Both requirements must be met for English/Language Arts)

☐ 1. Successful completion of all high school graduation requirements including successful completion of all English/Language Arts requirements with an overall GPA of 2.0 or above in grades 9 through first semester grade 12. (Counselor will attach copy of current transcript, dated May 1, 2014, or later.)

☐ 2. Score of Proficient or Advanced on the CST English/Language Arts in Junior year. (Counselor will attach copy of CST English/Language Arts test score.)

If the primary language of a student is other than English:

☐ A. Attainment of early advanced or advanced proficiency level score on CELDT and,

☐ B. Meet the criteria listed above in 1 and 2.

AND one of the following (please attach verification to the application):

WORLD LANGUAGE LANGUAGE: ______________________________________

☐ A score of "3" or above on the Language AP (Advanced Placement exam) or a score of "4" or above on the IB (International Baccalaureate) exam by their junior year for a world language. (Attach copy of test results.)

☐ Successful completion of the District’s approved four-year course of study in the same world language, receiving an overall GPA of 3.0 or above in those courses with approval signature of current world language teacher. (Attach copy of transcript.)

Signature of current world language teacher: ____________________________

☐ Passing score on the world language SAT Test II examination with a score of 600 or higher.

Administrative Regulations
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San Juan Capistrano, California