



Chico Unified School District

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AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

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

No fee or other cost shall be charged to any student in relation to any requirements in qualifying for or receiving any district achievement awards.

District/School Awards

Student awards may include verbal recognition, a letter, a certificate, a Board resolution, public ceremony, trophy, plaque or gift. The Board shall establish a budget for this purpose. (Education Code 44015)

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

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

At graduation from high school, students whose academic achievements in core curriculum areas have been outstanding shall receive special recognition.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify graduating high school students who have demonstrated mastery of the high school curriculum qualifying them for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma. (Education Code 51454)

State Seal of Biliteracy

The district shall present the State Seal of Biliteracy to each graduating high school student who has attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English, as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 51460-51464)

District Awards for Biliteracy

In order to affirm the value of bilingualism and encourage students' enrollment in world language programs, the Superintendent or designee may present awards at appropriate grade levels to recognize the pursuit and/or attainment of grade-level proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. The Superintendent or designee may also present awards to English learners who are reclassified as fluent English proficient to recognize proficiency in both English and the student's native language.

State Seal of Civic Engagement

The Superintendent or designee shall present the State Seal of Civic Engagement to each 11th or 12th grade student who demonstrates excellence in civics education and participation and has demonstrated an understanding of the U.S. Constitution, the California Constitution, and the democratic system of government. (Education Code 51470-51474)

All district students shall be afforded the opportunity to earn the State Seal of Civic Engagement, regardless of their background, communities, or experiences. No student shall be denied such opportunity based on academic ability, or alternative school setting.



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Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 11517.6-11519.5	<u>English Language Proficiency Assessments for California</u>
5 CCR 1632	<u>Alternative credits toward graduation for foreign language instruction in private school</u>
5 CCR 876	<u>Golden State Seal Merit Diploma</u>
Ed. Code 220	<u>Prohibition of discrimination</u>
Ed. Code 35160	<u>Authority of governing boards</u>
Ed. Code 35310-35319	<u>Scholarship and loan funds</u>
Ed. Code 44015	<u>Awards to employees and students</u>
Ed. Code 51007	<u>Equitable access to programs designed to strengthen technological skills</u>
Ed. Code 51243-51245	<u>Credit for private school foreign language instruction</u>
Ed. Code 51450-51455	<u>Golden State Seal Merit Diploma</u>
Ed. Code 51460-51464	<u>State Seal of Biliteracy</u>
Ed. Code 51470-51475	<u>State Seal of Civic Engagement</u>
Ed. Code 52164.1	<u>Assessment of English language skills of English learners</u>
Gov. Code 54950-54963	<u>The Ralph M. Brown Act</u>

Management Resources	Description
California Department of Education Publication	<u>State Seal of Biliteracy FAQs</u>
California Department of Education Publication	<u>SSCE Implementation Guidance</u>
Website	<u>CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</u>
Website	<u>Californians Together</u>
Website	<u>CSBA</u>
Website	<u>California Department of Education</u>

Cross References

Code	Description
0410	<u>Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities</u>
0415	<u>Equity</u>



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1220	<i>Citizen Advisory Committees</i>
1260	<i>Educational Foundation</i>
3290	<i>Gifts, Grants And Bequests</i>
3400	<i>Management Of District Assets/Accounts</i>
3460	<i>Financial Reports And Accountability</i>
4156.2	<i>Awards And Recognition</i>
5022	<i>Student And Family Privacy Rights</i>
5113.1	<i>Chronic Absence And Truancy</i>
5113.11	<i>Attendance Supervision</i>
5113.12	<i>District School Attendance Review Board</i>
5121	<i>Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement</i>
5125	<i>Student Records</i>
5127	<i>Graduation Ceremonies And Activities</i>
5137	<i>Positive School Climate</i>
6141.4	<i>International Baccalaureate Program</i>
6141.5	<i>Advanced Placement</i>
6142.2	<i>World Language Instruction</i>
6142.4	<i>Service Learning/Community Service Classes</i>
6143	<i>Courses Of Study</i>
6146.1	<i>High School Graduation Requirements</i>
6146.11	<i>Alternative Credits Toward Graduation</i>
6158	<i>Independent Study</i>
6159	<i>Individualized Education Program</i>
6162.51	<i>State Academic Achievement Tests</i>
6172	<i>Gifted And Talented Student Program</i>
6174	<i>Education For English Learners</i>
6181	<i>Alternative Schools/Programs Of Choice</i>
6183	<i>Home And Hospital Instruction</i>
6184	<i>Continuation Education</i>
9140	<i>Board Representatives</i>



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