



**Chico Unified School District**

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**Board Policy:**

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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 unique or exemplary achievements in academic, extracurricular or community service activities. The purpose of such awards shall be consistent with school goals.

*(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)*

*(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)*

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 procedures for the appropriate selection of student award recipients.

**Golden State Seal Merit Diploma**

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 – StATE Academic Achievement Test)*

**Biliteracy Award**

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. (Education Code 51460-51464)

*(cf. 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)*

*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)*

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.

**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*

*51460-51464 State Seal of Biliteracy*

*52164.1 Assessment of English language skills of English learners*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*

*876 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma*

*1632 Credit for private school foreign language instruction*

*11510-11516 Assessment of English language development*



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

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Californians Together: <http://www.californianstogether.org>