

California State Seal of Biliteracy 2020–21 Requirements

Application to follow

Note: These requirements apply only to 2021 graduates who were not administered the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) during the 2019–20 school year.

A student who graduates from high school must have achieved a high level of literacy and fluency in one or more language(s) in addition to English.

The student must demonstrate:

- 1) Completion all English language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in those classes.
- 2) Proficiency in one or more languages, other than English, demonstrated through one of the following methods:
 - A. Passage of a world language Advanced Placement (AP) examination with a score of 3 or higher, or an International Baccalaureate (IB) examination with a score of 4 or more.
 - B. Successful completion of a four-year high school course of study in a world language, attaining an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher in that course of study, and demonstration of oral proficiency in the language comparable to that required to pass an AP or IB examination.
 - C. Passage of a district test with a score of proficient or higher (If no AP examination or off the shelf language tests exists and the school district can certify that the test meets the level of an AP exam) demonstrating proficiency in all of the modes of communication (reading, writing, and speaking) that characterize communication in the language.
 - D. Passage of the SAT II world language examination with a score of 600 or higher.
- 3) In addition to the requirements mentioned above, if the primary language of a pupil is other than English, he or she shall demonstrate English proficiency on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC), or any previous or successor state English language proficiency assessment, in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive (California *Education Code* Section 51461).

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