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, 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)

District/School Awards
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 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 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

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)

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  California English Language Development Test

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
CSBA:  http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education:  http://www.cde.ca.gov
Californians Together:  http://www.californianstogether.org

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