

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

The Governing Board encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for exemplary achievements 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)

Student awards may include verbal recognition, a letter, a certificate, a Board resolution, public ceremony, trophy, gift, plaque, or cash gift. Gift cards are allowed, but not-to-exceed \$25.00 per gift card per pupil for each recognition or award.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop criteria 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 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

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*
- CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*
- 876 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma*
- 1632 Credit for private school foreign language instruction*

Management Resources:

- WEB SITES*
- CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>*
- California Department of Education, Golden State Seal Merit Diploma: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/meritdiploma.asp>*
- Californians Together: <http://www.californianstogether.org>*