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Linden USD

Board Policy

Awards For Achievement

BP 5126

Students

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.

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)

Biliteracy Award

In order to recognize and encourage linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy, the district shall present a biliteracy award to each graduating high school student who demonstrates proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. The Superintendent or designee shall approve applications for the award based on a review of student qualifications in accordance with district-established criteria.

(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

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>

Policy

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Linden, California