

# CALIFORNIA SEAL OF BILITERACY

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*The Seal of Biliteracy is an honor awarded to eligible graduating seniors at Presentation High School beginning with the Class of 2018.*



## ***What is the Seal of Biliteracy?***

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The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, district, or county office of education in recognition of students who have **studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages** by high school graduation.

At Presentation High School, the Modern Language Department offers either French or Spanish as a course of study, paired with English to demonstrate these proficiencies.



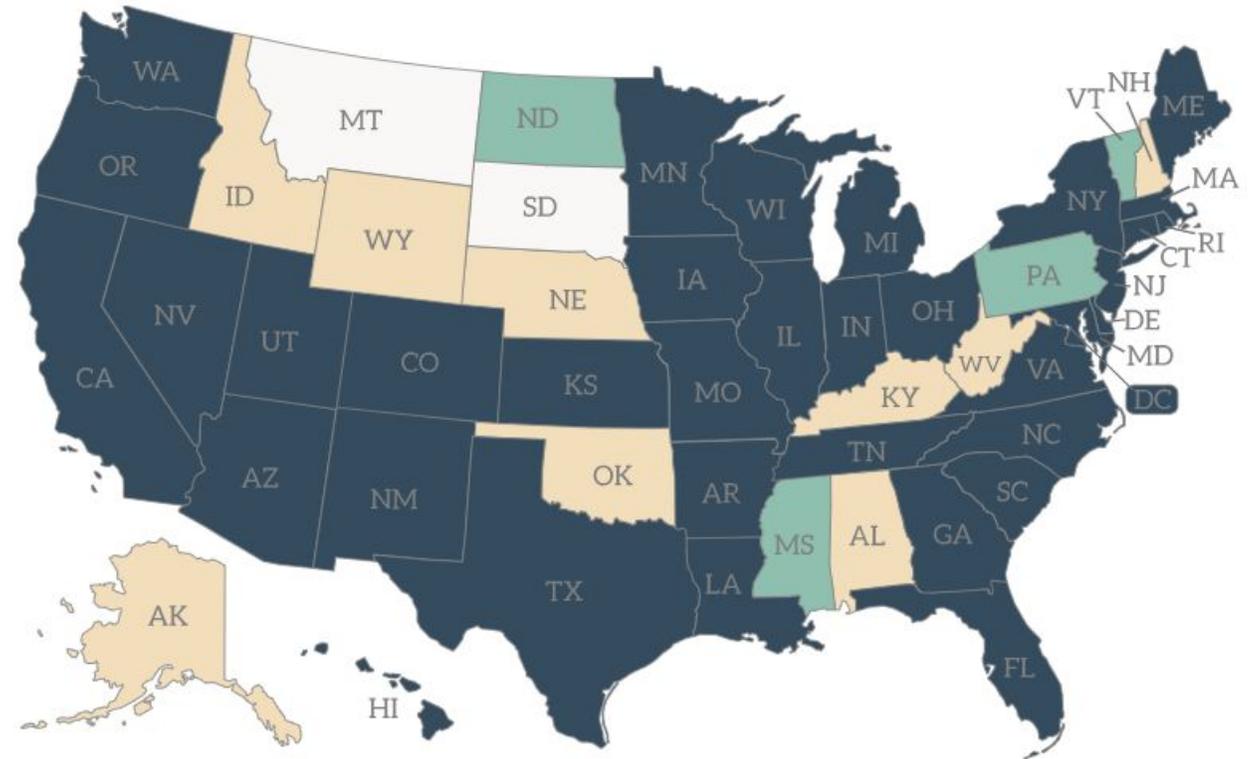
## Do other states award the Seal of Biliteracy?

39 states have implemented the Seal of Biliteracy since its inception.

**California began awarding students in 2011.**

### State Laws Regarding The Seal Of Biliteracy

● Approved State Seal ● Under Consideration ● Early Stages ● No Seal of Biliteracy, Yet!



## *Why implement the Seal of Biliteracy?*

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The Seal of Biliteracy encourages students to pursue biliteracy and to embrace global citizenship. Attaining the Seal can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices.



## ***Who awards the Seal of Biliteracy?***

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The Seal of Biliteracy is designed to be awarded by a public school district.

Presentation High School successfully petitioned the Santa Clara County Office of Education for award implementation and is proud to be the only private Catholic high school in the area to offer such an award as of 2021.

Successful students will be honored and recognized by our school community at the Senior Awards ceremony in May.



## **Seal of Biliteracy culminating project:**

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Second semester of Senior year, **all eligible students** will work with a collaborating teacher to present a culturally-based project in line with student interest.

**Other languages?** We are unable to offer the Seal of Biliteracy in languages other than those taught here at Presentation (French and Spanish).

For more information about the Seal of Biliteracy, visit [sealofbiliteracy.org](https://sealofbiliteracy.org).



## ***Seal of Biliteracy: Steps for eligibility***

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*-Successfully complete four years of language study at Pres in the same language, French or Spanish, maintaining a strong GPA across all courses.*

*-Display strengths in English to demonstrate proficiency in addition to French or Spanish.*

*-Maintain an overall GPA in Modern Language courses of 3.5 (87.5%) and in English courses of 3.0 (84.5%).*

*-Create a culturally-based written project and oral presentation consisting of the following two elements:*

- 1) Expository essay of approximately 750 words representing a cultural element of interest
- 2) Slide show presentation showcasing important details of written work, explaining highlights in your own words)

