

Recognition for Achievement

The Governing Board promotes a culture of excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for exemplary achievements in academic, visual and performing arts, career and technical education, athletic, extracurricular, or community service activities. All students will have equal access to these awards and recognitions provided that they meet the criteria for each award or recognition. These awards and recognitions are intended to intrinsically motivate all students to value learning, serve the community, attain academic, visual and performing arts, career and technical education, athletic, or social achievement, and support positive behavior.

Student awards or recognitions may include verbal recognition, letter of commendation, certificate, Board resolution, public ceremony, trophy, gift, plaque, or monetary award.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop written regulations that will provide guidance for implementing both district wide and school specific student recognition practices that conform to the intent of this board policy and comply with law.

Contests

Requests for student participation in contests sponsored by community organizations shall be evaluated by the principal and the Superintendent's Designee on the instructional value and the effect upon the total school program and individual participant. The Superintendent's Designee may utilize a committee process to determine both the legal, fiscal, and instructional merit of the program.

Contests may be authorized by the principal for school/student participation during the course of each year in accordance with the potential value to the individual student and the instructional program.

Graduation and Diploma Recognition

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)

EDUCATION CODE

220	Nondiscrimination
35160	Authority of governing boards
35310-35319	Scholarship and loan funds
44015	Awards to employees and students
49060-49079.7	Privacy of Pupil Records
51243-51245	Credit for private school foreign language instruction
51450-51455	Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
60640-60649	Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

876	Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
1632	Credit for private school foreign language instruction
864	Reporting Test Scores

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