

## VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**BOARD POLICY NO. 5126**

**ADOPTED: 2/24/97**

**CLASSIFICATION: Students**

**REVISED: 06/25/12  
02/24/14**

**SUBJECT: Awards to Students**

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The Board encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for unique or exemplary achievements in academic, extracurricular or community service activities.

A student awards recognition program shall be administered by the Superintendent or designee who may appoint an awards committee at each school which shall submit recommendations for student awards in accordance with administrative regulations adopted by the Board.

Individual awards in excess of \$25.00 must be expressly approved by the Board.

This policy is applicable only upon specific allocation or authorization of funds by the Board.

### BILITERACY AWARD

The Board shall award the State Seal of Biliteracy to high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. The Superintendent of Public Instruction provides an insignia that will be affixed to the diploma or transcript of eligible students.

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards  
35310-35319 Scholarship and loan funds  
44015 Awards to employees and students  
51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma  
51460-51464 State Seal of Biliteracy

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

876 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma