

Students

Awards for Achievement

Merit Diplomas

To be eligible to receive the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma upon graduation, students shall complete all requirements for a high school diploma and shall demonstrate a mastery of at least six subject areas, four of which shall be mathematics, English language arts, science and United States history, with the remaining two subject areas selected by the student. (Education Code [51451](#))

To demonstrate mastery of these subject areas, students shall achieve the standards or achievement levels established by the State Board of Education. (Education Code [51452](#); 5 CCR [876](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall affix an insignia to the diploma and transcript of each student awarded the merit diploma. (Education Code [51454](#))