

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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GROWING NUMBER OF GRADUATES RECOGNIZED FOR FLUENCY IN TWO OR MORE LANGUAGES AND MORE TEACHERS PLAN TO OBTAIN BILINGUAL AUTHORIZATIONS

The Number of Elk Grove Unified Graduating Students Earning a California State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB) Mark of Distinction for Foreign Language Ability Increased Nearly Two-Fold

ELK GROVE, Calif. – August 1, 2018 – The Elk Grove Unified School District finds the outcome of 431 graduating seniors who earned the 2018 California State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB) outstanding and reflective of a globally minded staff and student body. According to School Superintendent, Christopher R. Hoffman, “Multilingualism develops more than language skills for students and staff. Learning another language promotes cultural responsiveness, creativity and an ability to see things from another person’s perspective. Being recognized for proficiency and/or fluency in more than one language is significant and those noteworthy skills are necessary for a thriving global society. That amazing talent can also help right here at home in our own diverse community where more than 80 languages are spoken.”

In addition to promoting the growth of bilingualism across the District, eight EGUSD teachers are participating in the Bilingual Teacher Professional Development grant to obtain their bilingual authorizations. The grant also funds second language acquisition training for the District’s more than two dozen bilingual teacher’s assistants.

This award was established in 2011 to provide recognition to students who have demonstrated fluency in two or more languages by high school graduation. Fluency in English is demonstrated by completing all English-language arts (ELA) requirements for graduation with an overall GPA of 2.0 or above and by passing the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment in ELA at the “standard met” level in grade 11. Students whose Primary Language is not English must also achieve Early Advance proficiency level on the California English Language Development Test (CELDT).

Proficiency in a language other than English is demonstrated by successfully completing a four-year high school course of study in a foreign language with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above or by passing an SAT, Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam. Additional recipients will be awarded the seal as official scores are received from test vendors.

Students receive special recognition in the form of an official insignia on their high school diplomas and on their transcripts. Additionally, each student will receive a certificate of recognition and a letter from the Superintendent offering congratulations on this personal accomplishment.

[2018 California State Seal of Biliteracy Winners](#)

Note: Three students opted not to disclose their names publicly.

About the Elk Grove Unified School District

The [Elk Grove Unified School District](#) (EGUSD) is the fifth-largest school district in California located in southern Sacramento County. EGUSD covers 320 square miles and includes 67 schools: 42 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. Offering a multitude of educational programs, including over 70 career-themed academies and pathways within 15 industry sectors, we prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant and self-disciplined; technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. We integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and real world workplace experiences and ensure that *Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day to Prepare College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.*

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