

**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- Date:** May 9, 2018
- To:** Area Superintendents, Principals, Vice Principals, Head Counselors, Division and Department Heads, Dual and World Language Teachers
- Subject:** ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL PATHWAY TO BILITERACY AWARD FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K, 5<sup>th</sup> AND 8<sup>th</sup> IN 2017-2018
- Departments and/or Persons Concerned:** Area Superintendents, Principals, Vice Principals, Head Counselors, Division and Department Heads, Biliteracy/Dual Language Teachers of K and 5th Grade and students in SLIM/World Language Courses 8th Grade
- Due Date:** Submit all verification documents to the Office of Language Acquisition by June 30, 2018
- Reference:** Resolution establishing the Elementary School Pathway to Biliteracy for Eligible K, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
- Action Requested:**
1. Ensure all K, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students currently enrolled in Biliteracy/Dual Language programs receive the information on the Elementary/Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Award.
  2. Ensure that all K, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are currently enrolled in Dual/World Language courses receive the application form for Elementary/Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Award.
  3. Ensure that teachers/school counselors work with students to review the application and determine eligibility for receiving the Elementary/Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Award.
- Attachments:**
- A. Frequently Asked Questions
  - B. Certificate for K
  - C. Certificate for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - D. Certificate for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - E. Instruction for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to receive Pathway to Biliteracy Award upon promotion to next grade level in spring 2018
  - F. Instruction for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to receive Pathway to Biliteracy Award upon promotion to next grade level in spring 2018

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### **Brief Explanation:**

The Elementary/Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Award is an award granted to students in Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade certifying that they are in the process of achieving mastery of two or more languages. The Pathway Award is directly linked to the Language Learning Policy adopted by the San Diego Unified School District Board of Trustees in August of 2009, which recognizes that “in addition to being academically prepared and fully proficient in English, all students benefit from being proficient in another language”. In addition, attainment of the Pathway Award clearly advances tenets of the District’s Vision 2020 and Prop 58 plan for “preparing our students for the competitive global economy they will face in the years ahead” and the Vision 2020 goal to ensure that “students from all backgrounds in our district develop the ability to communicate in two languages.” Qualifying students will receive the Elementary/Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Award.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

The student application form explains the specific criteria that must be met and documented in order for students to fulfill the requirements for the Elementary or Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Award.

Recognizing that unique situations may arise with regard to student eligibility, please refer to Attachment 2, **Frequently Asked Questions**. For additional information or questions, contact Jonathan Ton in the Office of Language Acquisition (619) 725-7264 or email [ola@sandi.net](mailto:ola@sandi.net).

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Attachments (2)