



## OCDE's Pathways to Biliteracy Awards at OCEAA COVID 19 Edition

### How will students qualify for the Pathways to Biliteracy Awards in 3rd, 6th and 8th grades this year?

In order to qualify for the **Pursuit of Biliteracy Designation**,  
exiting **3rd grade** students must be able to demonstrate each of the following:

1. Proficient or advanced scores on end-of-unit assessments in both ELA and SLA
2. Star Reading Independent Reading Levels of 2.0 or above in both English and Spanish
3. Proficient or advanced scores on academic discussions in both English and Spanish
4. Proficient or advanced scores on academic essays in both English and Spanish

In order to qualify for the **Biliteracy Pathway Designation**,  
exiting **6th grade** students must be able to demonstrate each of the following:

1. Proficient or advanced scores on end-of-unit assessments in both ELA and SLA
2. Star Reading Independent Reading Levels of 4.0 or above in both English and Spanish
3. Proficient or advanced scores on academic oral presentations in both English and Spanish
4. Proficient or advanced scores on argumentative essays in both English and Spanish

In order to qualify for the **Biliteracy Attainment Designation**,  
exiting **8th grade** students must be able to demonstrate each of the following:

1. Proficient or advanced scores on end-of-unit assessments in both English and Spanish
2. Star Reading Independent Reading Levels of 6.0 or above in both English and Spanish
3. Proficient or advanced scores on academic oral presentations in both English and Spanish
4. Proficient or advanced scores on argumentative essays in both English and Spanish

**All criteria must be met by Wednesday, March 24!**

## **Isn't there usually a Spanish-language community service requirement for these designations?**

The usual community service requirement for these designations has been suspended as a health precaution in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **How is this designation celebrated?**

The students who qualify will be recognized at a virtual assembly and will receive a certificate and a prize ribbon in 3rd and 6th grades, or a certificate and a medal in 8th grade.

## **If my student does not qualify this year, does it preclude her/him from receiving the other Pathways to Biliteracy designations in later grades or the [State Seal of Biliteracy](#) upon high school graduation?**

Not at all; each Pathways to Biliteracy designation is independent of the others. While earning some or all of the 3rd, 6th and 8th grade designations is a good indication that your student is on the right track to earn the California State Seal of Biliteracy on her/his high school diploma, the requirements for that award are unique to high school and do not depend on the student having earned any of the Pathways to Biliteracy designations.

## **Who do I contact if I have more questions about the Pathways to Biliteracy Awards?**

Your student's homeroom teacher will be able to answer most questions about these awards, and Ms. Collins ([kcollins@oceaa.org](mailto:kcollins@oceaa.org) or Class Dojo) can answer any remaining questions.