

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: April 10, 2023

To: Area Superintendents, Principals, Associate Principals, Counselors,
Division and Department Heads, Dual and World Language Teachers

Subject: ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL **PATHWAY TO BILITERACY**
AWARD FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES: KINDERGARTEN, 5th, & 8th

Departments and/or

Persons Concerned: Area Superintendents, Principals, Associate Principals, Counselors,
Division and Department Heads, Biliteracy/Dual Language Teachers of
Kindergarten, 5th Grade, and 8th grade, and Teachers in
SLIM/FLIM/World Language Courses 8th Grade

Due Date: May 30, 2023: [Submit](#) the final number of Kindergarten, 5th, and
8th-grade students who received the Pathway to Biliteracy Award to the
Multilingual Education Department.

Reference: Resolution Recognizing the Elementary & Middle School Pathway to
Biliteracy Awards for Eligible Kindergarten, 5th and 8th-Grade Students

Action Requested:

1. All **Kindergarten** students enrolled in Biliteracy/Dual Language programs
receive the [Kindergarten Commitment to Biliteracy Certificate](#)
2. All eligible **5th and 8th-grade** students currently enrolled in Dual/World
Languages courses meet the [Criteria for Kindergarten, 5th, and 8th Pathway
Awards](#).
3. Teachers/school counselors review the criteria for eligible 5th and 8th-grade
students to receive the Pathway to Biliteracy Awards, prepare, and distribute the
Awards accordingly.
4. Submit the [22-23 School Data-Pathway Awards](#) to the Multilingual Education
Department, email med@sandi.net by May 30, 2023.

Brief Explanation:

The Elementary/Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Awards are given to Kindergarten, 5th, and 8th-grade students who are on their way to mastering two or more languages, in accordance with the Language Learning Policy of the San Diego Unified School District Board of Trustees. The award supports the district's Vision 2020 and the CA Education for a Global Economy Initiative by preparing students for a competitive global economy and ensuring that students from all backgrounds can communicate in two languages.

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Eligibility Criteria:

The [Criteria for Kindergarten, 5th, and 8th Grades Pathway Awards](#) link explains the specific criteria that must be met for students to fulfill the requirements for the 5th and 8th-grade Pathway to Biliteracy Awards. All Kindergarten students enrolled in Biliteracy/Dual Language programs can receive the Kindergarten Commitment to Biliteracy Certificate without meeting additional criteria.

Please refer to the [Pathways to Biliteracy Awards](#) - Grades: Kindergarten, 5th, 8th Informational Page for additional information.

For additional information or questions, contact Jonathan Ton in the Multilingual Education Department at (619) 725-7264 or email med@sandi.net.



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Attachments/links:

Criteria, FAQs, Certificates for Kindergarten, 5th or 8th to receive the Elementary/Middle School Pathway to Biliteracy Awards, 22-23 School Data form

- A. [Criteria for Kindergarten, 5th, 8th Grades Pathway Awards](#)
- B. [FAQ's - Pathway to Biliteracy Awards - Updated](#)
- C. [Kindergarten Commitment to Biliteracy Certificate](#)
- D. [5th Grade Certificate Pathway to Biliteracy Certificate](#)
- E. [8th Grade Certificate Pathway to Biliteracy Certificate](#)
- F. [22-23 School Data-Pathway Awards](#)