Students BP/SP 5126(a)

#### AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

The Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Office of Education encourage excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for exemplary achievements in academic, athletic, extracurricular, or community service activities.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement) (cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities) (cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

Student awards may include verbal recognition, a letter, a certificate, a County Board resolution, public ceremony, trophy, plaque or gift valued at no more than \$25 per occurrence or maximum of \$50 annually.

The Yolo County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall develop criteria for the appropriate selection of student award recipients.

# **Golden State Seal Merit Diploma**

At graduation from high school, special recognition shall be awarded to those students whose academic achievements in core curriculum areas have been outstanding.

The County Superintendent or designee shall identify high school students who have demonstrated mastery of the high school curriculum qualifying them for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma. (Education Code 51454)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

#### Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

220 Nondiscrimination

35160 Authority of governing boards

35310-35319 Scholarship and loan funds

44015 Awards to employees and students

51243-51245 Credit for private school foreign language instruction

51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

876 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

1632 Credit for private school foreign language instruction

## Management Resources:

**WEB SITES** 

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education, Golden State Seal Merit Diploma:

http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/meritdiploma.asp

Californians Together: http://www.californianstogether.org

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