

CABE 2018

Embracing Multilingualism: From Policy to Powerful Practices

Award Nominations Guidelines for CABE 2018 Annual Conference

Seal of Excellence School Award

The California Association for Bilingual Education is proud to announce that it is accepting nominations for the CABE 2018 Seal of Excellence Award. The Seal of Excellence Award was inaugurated in 1996 to honor exemplary bilingual education programs throughout the State. This prestigious award honors schools that have established effective programs for their English Learners.

To receive the CABE Seal of Excellence Award each school must meet the established rigorous criteria by providing:

- Substantial evidence of the Bilingual Language Proficiency (English and other language) and academic achievement for students in the program
- A description of the comprehensive and enriched instructional program that includes English Language Development, primary language instruction, and specially designed academic instruction in English
- Provides ELD - continuous / coherent services for all grades
- A description of the professional development plan for certificated staff continuing learning plan
- Use of effective research-based instructional strategies
- A description, with examples, of how the comprehensive curriculum for English Learners is aligned to the standards at all grade levels
- An effective school-home-community collaboration that empowers parents to become active participants in their children's education
- English Language enriched instructional program that promotes the following:
 - Students making progress to close the achievement gap
 - Significant percentage of students are making formal transition
 - Administrative systems are sufficiently developed
 - Significant percentage meeting promotion criteria
 - Significant percentage of English Learners are succeeding in A - G
 - Significant percentage of English Learners enrolled in GATE

If your school can demonstrate and submit documentation of the above criteria, we invite you to submit your online entry on or before the December 8, 2017 5pm (PST) deadline. Awards will be presented to the winning school(s) at the Seal of Excellence Banquet, CABE 2018 Conference at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, California on Friday, March 30, 2018.

Video and Photos Required

- Online submissions are required to include a video (5 minutes max) to highlight your program.
- Online submissions are required to include 5 high resolution photos with descriptions to highlight your program

****Schools who have received the Seal of Excellence Award in the past 4 years will not be eligible to participate****

Seal of Excellence Award Q & A

1. Submission of online application with all documentation due no later than December 8, 2017 by 5:00pm (PST).
2. Seal of Excellence Committee will visit school in January or February 2018. Committee will contact school(s) with best dates.
3. Seal of Excellence School(s) winner(s) will be notified January 31, 2018.
4. Recognition and Award presented to the Seal of Excellence Awardee School(s) at the Seal of Excellence Banquet – Friday, March 30, 2018 7:00PM – 9:00PM.
5. Seal of Excellence Banner presented to winning school(s) at school assembly in the month of April 2018. School will be contacted to schedule date and time.