

# Academic Honors at Liberty High School

## **Honor Roll** –

To qualify, a student must receive no current grade below a C and have a total weighted GPA of 3.25 or better.

## **Academic Letter** –

Students are awarded an academic letter based on the following criteria:

1. Total weighted GPA of **3.75** or higher in either the fall or spring semester of the previous school year.
2. A student must have taken a minimum of **five** college prep courses. College preparatory classes are designated with a P.

## **National Honor Society (NHS)** –

Students with a 3.0 or higher academic GPA (as listed on their transcript) are invited to apply for membership in NHS:

1. 3.0 or higher GPA
2. Completed application and signature from any teacher
3. Membership is by semester (must reapply every semester)
4. Seniors with 4 or more semesters of membership receive Life Membership and Honor Cords for graduation.
5. Life Members may qualify for a scholarship.

## **California Scholarship Federation (CSF)** –

Students who qualify are invited to apply for membership in CSF:

1. A score of 10 CSF points based on the rules of the CSF application and list of approved courses
2. A grade of D or F in any course disqualifies the student from membership
3. Membership is by semester (must reapply every semester)
4. Seniors with 4 or more semesters of membership receive Life Membership and Honor Cords for graduation.
5. Life Members may qualify for a scholarship.

## **Academic Honor Cord**–

Students who successfully (C or better) meet the UC/CSU “a-g” course completion requirements qualify for an Honor Cord at graduation. (Refer to page 3 to identify “a-g” requirements.)



## **Seal of Bi-literacy**

The Seal has **two components**. The student must meet the proficiency requirement for **English** and the proficiency requirement for **World Language**.



### **1. English (satisfy BOTH of the requirements)**

- ✓ Complete all English-Language requirements for graduation (4 years) with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or above in those classes.
- ✓ Obtain a score of “proficient” or higher in English on SBAC or the ELA District assessment. Students with an IEP can complete this requirement with a score of proficient on the CMA in English.

**NOTE:** If a student is still classified as an English Learner, he/she must meet the specified criteria AND have a CELDT score of Early Advanced (4) or above on the CELDT exam.

### **2. World Language (satisfy 1 of the following 5 requirements)**

- ✓ Demonstrate proficiency in one or more World (foreign) Languages- in addition to the English requirements- by accomplishing **one** of the following:
  - a. Score 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) foreign language test. We must have your AP score before seal can be awarded. (**Associated cost/\*\*See Additional Information**).
  - b. Score of 600 or higher on the SAT II (Scholastic Assessment Test II) foreign language test. Student will supply SAT Score. (**Associated cost/\*\*See Additional Information**).
  - c. Successfully complete a four-year high school course of study in a World (foreign) Language and attain an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above in that four year course of study. (4 years can consist of 3 consecutive years plus a 3.0 or above average in an AP course, in the same language, which will count as the 4<sup>th</sup> year.)
  - d. Complete Spanish for Spanish Speakers, levels 1 and 2, and Spanish 4 or AP Spanish with a 3.0 average or higher.
  - e. Pass an exam administered by the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL) with at least an Intermediate Mid-grade. You must supply the official proof of the grade to your school. This option is available in approximately 100 world languages (**Associated cost/\*\*See Additional Information**).

#### **\*\*Additional Information**

1. If a student takes an AP, SAT or ACTFL test, he/she must inform the school’s Assistant Principal of their intent to submit the test results to meet the Eligibility Requirement under the World Language proficiency section (**The Assistant Principals listed will have the Biliteracy form**). Be sure that the Assistant Principal receives a copy of your score when it becomes available. Until scores are available, a student will be placed on a “pending” list and sent the Biliteracy Seal when results of testing are confirmed. If a student completed any of the above tests while enrolled at a different school, the student must submit their test scores and the required form described above. **The due date for the submission and the Biliteracy form for the above Tests is April 15<sup>th</sup> of the present school year.**
2. If a student is in an **Advanced Placement (AP)** class, the results of this test are not reported until August. At that time, if the student has received a score of 3 or higher and met all other requirements, the seal will be sent to the student. The **SAT/ACTFL tests** may be taken throughout the school year and scores may be available prior to graduation.