

CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
San Juan Capistrano, California

December 6, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 2324-16**  
**ADOPTING CRITERIA TO AWARD STATE SEAL OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**  
**TO DISTRICT GRADUATES**

WHEREAS, the Capistrano Unified School District has adopted a Vision of a CUSD Graduate.

WHEREAS, the *Vision of a CUSD Graduate* includes the goal of students becoming *engaged citizens* who are *civic minded*.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District:

The Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District adopts the state-mandated criteria for the awarding of the State Seal of Civic Engagement to District graduates. In order to earn a State Seal of Civic Engagement, students must:

1. Be engaged in academic work in a productive way;
2. Demonstrate a competent understanding of United States and California constitutions; functions and governance of local governments; tribal government structures and organizations; the role of the citizen in a constitutional democracy; and democratic principles, concepts, and processes;
3. Participate in one or more informed civic engagement project(s) that address real-world problems and require students to identify and inquire into civic needs or problems, consider varied responses, take action, and reflect on efforts;
4. Demonstrate civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions through self-reflection; and
5. Exhibit character traits that reflect civic-mindedness and a commitment to positively impact the classroom, school, community and/or society.

District staff will create a guiding coalition of District administrators, teachers, staff and students to determine appropriate local indicators to meet the criteria listed above.

Staff will develop an Administrative Regulation or Board Policy to outline criteria, delineate timelines, systems and general guidelines (similar to Seal of Biliteracy).

The guiding coalition will create a system to process certificates, working with site staff to determine the process by which students would apply, be approved, and then be processed formally for receipt of seal upon completion of requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th day of December 2023, by the Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District, County of Orange, California.

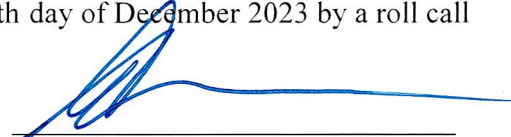

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ABSTAIN 6)

I, Christopher Brown, Secretary of the Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at the meeting on the 6th day of December 2023 by a roll call vote.

  
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Amy Hanacek  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees  
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Christopher Brown, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees