

Yu Ming Charter School Middle School Biliteracy Pathway Award Policy



As a leader in Mandarin Immersion education, Yu Ming nurtures our inclusive and diverse community to become empowered, engaged, and outstanding global citizens. Through our world-class Mandarin Immersion instruction, students learn to bridge borders on a daily basis and learn how to communicate and build relationships across languages, cultures, and geographies.

Yu Ming's Middle School Biliteracy Pathway Awards recognize and celebrate students in their pursuit of biliteracy. These awards are designed to support students with tracking their progress toward earning the California State Seal of Biliteracy¹.

The California Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, district, or state in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. The seal is placed on the recipient's high school diploma.

Upon completing eighth grade at Yu Ming, students may earn one or both of the following Middle School Biliteracy Pathway Awards:

Middle School Biliteracy Participation Award

This award is designed to reward engagement in pursuit of language skills in English and Mandarin Chinese, to affirm positive attitudes towards multilingualism, and to validate the use of multiple languages for all students. The requirements to earn this award are as follows:

- Completion of Yu Ming's Mandarin Chinese and English curriculum with a passing grade
- Pass Yu Ming's Graduate Profile Defense in English and Mandarin Chinese

Middle School Biliteracy Attainment Award

This award is designed to set a standard for high-level biliteracy attainment in English and Mandarin Chinese. The requirements to earn this award are as follows:

- Completion of Yu Ming's Mandarin Chinese and English curriculum with a passing grade

¹ <https://sealofbiliteracy.org/steps/3-define-criteria-granting-awards/high-school-state-seal-biliteracy>

- Pass with Distinction Yu Ming's Graduate Profile Defense in English and Mandarin Chinese
- Meet or exceed standards on the 7th Grade English Language Arts portion of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)
- Achieve a composite score of 6 (Intermediate-High) or higher on the STAMP Mandarin Chinese assessment in 8th grade

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