

# Golden State Seal Merit Diploma Summary

1997 – 2002

The Golden State Examinations assess students' knowledge of the subjects and their ability to apply that knowledge. All of the exams, except written composition, include a balance of multiple-choice items and questions or problems that require written responses. The written composition examination also requires written responses. In addition, the science examinations include laboratory tasks.

In 1997, the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma was established to recognize outstanding academic achievements of graduating seniors as evidenced by passing scores in at least six Golden State Exams completed at any grade level. Students must attain scores of high honors, honors and/or school recognition designations in at least four specified areas:

- Written Composition or Reading/Literature
- U.S. History
- Algebra, Geometry or High School Mathematics
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Integrated (coordinated) Science 2

The other two required GSE scores may be a second GSE in math and/or science or in other GSE areas of student choice: U.S. Government, Economics, and/or Spanish 2.

	Class of 1997	Class of 1998	Class of 1999	Class of 2000	Class of 2001	Class of 2002	TOTAL DIPLOMAS AWARDED 1997 - 2002
<b>EHS</b>	0	9	9	31	39	38	126
<b>FVHS</b>	4	56	71	55	124	90	400
<b>HBHS</b>	3	3	12	33	28	37	116
<b>MHS</b>	0	43	43	48	75	83	292
<b>OVHS</b>	2	4	19	24	41	36	126
<b>WHS</b>	9	12	19	23	21	45	129
<b>CHS</b>	--	--	--	1	---	---	1
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	18	127	173	215	328	329	861