

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 7.12

FOREIGN WORLD LANGUAGES

The Board supports the strengthening of foreign world language offerings in the Milwaukee Public Schools.

(1) ~~HIGH-SCHOOL~~ HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

- (a) ~~Evening classes in foreign languages shall be on a fee basis.~~ Implement beginning-level, conversation-oriented world language courses.
- (b) ~~Conversation-oriented foreign language courses shall be offered at the beginning level.~~ Provide "Bridge" courses between level one and level two for students who have difficulty with level one courses.
- (c) Provide counseling services to advise students on the advantages of world language proficiency.
- (d) Conduct orientation sessions to highlight the benefits of world language study.
- (e) Use school websites, newsletters, and social media to promote language courses.
- (f) Host language fairs and cultural events.
- (g) Ensure accessibility for all students, including those with disabilities, by providing necessary accommodations.

(2) ~~MIDDLE-SCHOOL~~ MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL

- (a) ~~Courses in exploring languages and cultures shall be offered at any level.~~ Offer courses in exploring languages and cultures.
- (b) ~~Students in superior ability classes and those reading at or above grade level shall be allowed to study foreign languages during the time allocated for reading.~~ Provide regular instruction in world languages in grades 7 and 8 per Wisconsin Statute 121.02(1)(L)5.
- (c) ~~Heterogeneous groups of students shall be allowed to study foreign languages during the time allocated for reading, provided students in need of reading take a reading course every other day during another time block.~~ Collaborate with elementary and high school educators to create a cohesive world language learning pathway.
- (d) ~~Reading and foreign language shall be offered on an alternate day or alternate semester basis.~~ Organize informational sessions to explain the importance of early world language learning. ~~Content area or accelerated foreign language courses (immersion courses) shall be offered.~~
- (e) Content area or accelerated world language courses (immersion courses) shall be offered.
- (f) Ensure accessibility for all students, including those with disabilities, by providing necessary accommodations.

(3) ~~ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL~~ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL

- (a) ~~After-school foreign language courses shall be offered on a fee basis at selected schools.~~ Integrate basic world language exposure focusing on vocabulary and cultural appreciation.
- (b) ~~Foreign language opportunities shall be included, as found desirable, in any extended-day program operated by the Division of Municipal Recreation and Community Education.~~ Engage parents through workshops to emphasize the benefits of early world language learning.
- (c) ~~Efforts will be made to publicize foreign language offerings at the schools and also those at all special schools and specialty schools.~~ Include world language opportunities in extended day programs.
- (d) ~~No child will be excluded from foreign language study by reason of handicap.~~ Encourage participation in language immersion programs and cultural exchanges.

(e) Ensure accessibility for all students, including those with disabilities, by providing necessary accommodations.

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