ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 7.12

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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

(1) HIGH-SCHOOL LEVEL

- (a) Evening classes in foreign languages shall be on a fee basis.
- (b) Conversation-oriented foreign-language courses shall be offered at the beginning level.
- (c) "Bridge" courses between level one and level two shall be offered for students who have difficulty with level-one courses.

(2) MIDDLE-SCHOOL LEVEL

- (a) Courses in exploring languages and cultures shall be offered at any level
- (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.
- (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
- (d) Reading and foreign language shall be offered on a alternate-day or alternate-semester basis.
 - (e) Content-area or accelerated foreign language courses (immersion courses) shall be offered.

(3) ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL LEVEL

- (a) After-school foreign language courses shall be offered on a fee basis at selected schools.
- (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.
- (c) Efforts will be made to publicize foreign language offerings at the schools and also those at all special schools and specialty schools.
 - (d) No child will be excluded from foreign-language study by reason of handicap.

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