

## **Northshore School District**

# **BOARD POLICY**

**No. 2409**

### **INSTRUCTION**

#### **World Languages Credit For Proficiency**

The board recognizes the value of preparing students to be global citizens with the skills to communicate in English and other world languages. In our state's diverse communities, it is not unusual for students to have various opportunities to develop language skills, for example, through experiences of using the language at home, attendance at language programs offered in the community, learning online or time spent living abroad. The district encourages students and their families to take advantage of any language learning opportunities available to them.

To enable students to fully benefit from the advantages of multilingualism, the district will encourage students to learn to understand, speak, read and write at a high level of language proficiency. Proficiency can also be demonstrated in languages that are only spoken or signed.

In order to recognize the language proficiency of students, the superintendent is directed to develop procedures for awarding world language credits to students based on demonstrated proficiency across a range of language skills.

#### **Cross References:**

WSSDA Policy No. 2409, Credit for Competency/Proficiency

#### **Legal References:**

RCW 28A.230.090 High school graduation requirements or equivalencies

WAC 180-151-050 High school credit - Definition

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