

Foreign Language Resources And Materials  
Policy on World Language Instruction and Requirements

The Bristol-Warren Regional School District aims to provide high-quality World Language curriculum and instruction to all students, and to provide multiple opportunities for students to show their proficiency in a language other than English. The program shall be based on the ACTFL World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages and the Rhode Island World Language Curriculum Framework. Proficiency shall be defined in accordance with the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT:

Beginning with the Class of 2028, students shall be required to complete two credits in World Language, including two consecutive years of one World Language (Spanish, Portuguese, French), of which one of these years may be taken in the 8th grade.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Students who can demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English, at the Intermediate Low Level as defined by the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, and as measured by the appropriate proficiency examination (e.g. AAPPL, STAMP, etc.), shall be considered to have met the graduation requirement for World Languages. Students who can demonstrate this level of proficiency in Spanish, Portuguese or French, are encouraged to continue their studies in the appropriate courses at Mt. Hope.
- In extenuating circumstances, a student whose course of studies has prevented World Language study may apply for a waiver of the graduation requirement. Said waiver shall not be considered prior to their senior year, and shall follow the waiver requirements as specified in the [RIDE Readiness-Based Graduation Requirements for World Languages](#) (September 2023).

SEAL OF BILITERACY

Students who can demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English, at the Intermediate Mid Level or above as defined by the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, and as measured by the appropriate proficiency examination (e.g. AAPPL, STAMP, etc.), shall be awarded the [Rhode Island Seal of Biliteracy](#) upon graduation from Mt. Hope. The Seal of Biliteracy shall be noted on a student's final transcript upon graduation. All students in World Languages courses, or who speak a language other than English at home, may opt to test for the Seal of Biliteracy in their junior or senior year. All students in an AP/NEWL course, as well as senior students in a Level 4 course, are required to test for the Seal of Biliteracy.

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