

Wausau School District
Board of Education Meeting Agenda
In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law

James Bouché, President
Public Notice s.19.84 (3)

Cory Sillars, Clerk
Exemptions s.19.85

A **Committee of the Whole Meeting** of the BOARD OF EDUCATION will be held in the **Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403** at **5:20 PM** on **Monday, September 28, 2026.**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approve the Minutes
- III. Excellence in Action: Wausau East
- IV. Public and Student Comment
- V. Audit of the Bills
- VI. 2027-28 School Calendar (**Action Requested**)
- VII. Policy 2370 - Educational Opportunities (Wisconsin Seal of Biliteracy) (**Action Requested**)
- VIII. Adjourn

NOTICE POSTED: Friday, September 25, 2026, at 12:30 pm

By: Cassie Peck

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Minutes of COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING

The Board of Education Wausau School District

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A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, August 24, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Pat McKee; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop; and Yaou Yang.

Absent: Charles Burger; Jon Creisher; and Nick Crochiere.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

II. Approve the Minutes

Cory Sillars moved to approve the minutes of June 22, 2026, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 6-0.

III. Public and Student Comment

There was none.

IV. Audit of the Bills

Sarah Brock moved to approve the Audit of the Bills as presented, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 6-0.

V. Legal Expenses Summary for 2025-2026

Dr. Elizabeth Channel, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented a summary report of all legal counsel expenses incurred during 2025-2026. The report is separated by law firm and by type of legal advice sought. This is a written report that requires no action.

VI. Approve List of Legal Firms (Action Requested)

Yaou Yang moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the attached list of law firms the Board and the District shall access for legal services deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 6-0.

VII. Set Annual Meeting Date and Location (Action Requested)

Lance Trollop moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of Monday, September 28, 2026, as the date for the 2026-2027 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing. The meeting will be held at 5:00 in the Nicholson Board Room at the Longfellow Administration Center, beginning with the Budget Hearing followed by the Annual Meeting, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 6-0.

VIII. Share Equalized Value Estimates

Prior to October 1, only equalized valuations from municipalities are available. In order to project property value changes by school district, an assumption must be made that all property values in any given municipality change in a uniform manner. With this assumption, the District's property value is projected to increase 4.03% for the 2026-27 mill rate calculation purposes. Certified property value will not be available until October 1; the given projected property value will be used for the initial budget and during the annual meeting.

IX. Recommendation for 2026-2027 Budget (**Action Requested**)

Pat McKee moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of a preliminary 2026-2027 General Fund budget of \$118,307,108 for expenses and \$118,307,108 for revenue, for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing, seconded by Yaou Yang. The motion carried 6-0.

X. Recommendation for 2026-2027 Tax Levy (**Action Requested**)

Lance Trollop moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the projected tax levy of \$45,848,693 for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing, seconded Cory Sillars. The motion carried 6-0.

XI. Adjourn

Cory Sillars moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,
Board Clerk

CS:cp

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPROVAL OF BILLS

Education/Operations Committee of the Whole - September 28, 2026
Board Meeting - October 12, 2026

26-27 Budgets
August 17, 2026 to September 16, 2026

Vouchers 1067743 - 1067824, 262700556-262701032

General Fund - Fund 10	\$1,811,973.32
Grants - Fund 11	\$23,210.06
Federal Projects Fund - Fund 20	\$3,271.61
Special Education - 27	\$262,798.69
Capital Improvement Trust - Fund 46	\$0.00
Food Service Fund - Fund 50	\$114,046.95
Trust Funds - Fund 72	\$0.00
Community Service Fund - Fund 80	\$52,727.12

Total	\$2,268,027.75
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Vouchers 262700688

Capital Projects - Fund 46	\$405,821.00
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Total	\$405,821.00
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Vouchers 262700635-262700639, 262700950

Capital Projects - Fund 49	\$3,039,877.29
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Total	\$3,039,877.29
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Grand Total	\$5,713,726.04
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VENDOR	CHECK #	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT #
FORE-FRONT MECHANICAL INC	262700296	\$405,821.00	46 E 426 550 253300 650 540

DESCRIPTION

PAY REQUEST #4 FOR CHILLER REPLACEMENT - URMANSKI/WEST

VENDOR	CHECK #	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT #
MAVO SYSTEMS	262700635	\$6,336.37	49 E 110 327 255300 132 540
MAVO SYSTEMS	262700639	\$8,333.59	49 E 102 327 255300 132 540
		\$14,669.96	
NEXUS SOLUTIONS	262700636	\$1,220,934.82	49 E 110 327 255300 132 540
NEXUS SOLUTIONS	262700636	\$1,495,130.77	49 E 102 327 255300 132 540
		\$2,716,065.59	
SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES INC	262700950	\$59,000.00	49 E 111 327 255300 132 540
SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES INC	262700950	\$65,000.00	49 E 110 327 255300 132 540
SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES INC	262700950	\$67,000.00	49 E 107 327 255300 132 540
SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES INC	262700950	\$84,000.00	49 E 102 327 255300 132 540
		\$275,000.00	
WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE	262700638	\$479.45	49 E 102 327 255300 132 540
WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE	262700638	\$16,138.68	49 E 110 327 255300 132 540
WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE	262700638	\$17,523.61	49 E 110 327 255300 132 540
		\$34,141.74	

DESCRIPTION

LEAD PAINT AND ASBESTOS ABATEMENT - URMANSKI/MARSHALL
REMOVAL OF FITTINGS - URMANSKI/FRANKLIN

DESIGN SERVICES, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES, COST OF WORK - URMANSKI/JOHN MARSHALL
DESIGN SERVICES, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES, COST OF WORK - URMANSKI/FRANKLIN

PROGRESS BILLING; IP SPEAKERS; LABOR AND MATERIALS - URMANSKI/RIB MOUNTAIN
PROGRESS BILLING; IP SPEAKERS; LABOR AND MATERIALS - URMANSKI/JOHN MARSHALL
PROGRESS BILLING; IP SPEAKERS; LABOR AND MATERIALS - URMANSKI/LINCOLN
PROGRESS BILLING; IP SPEAKERS; LABOR AND MATERIALS - URMANSKI/FRANKLIN

DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES INSTALLATION AGREEMENT; WORK REQUEST #3508222-1; ELECTRIC SERVICE
DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES INSTALLATION AGREEMENT; WORK REQUEST #3502828-1; ELECTRICAL SERVICE
UTILITY UPDATES AFTER CONSTRUCTION; MAINTENANCE ON TRANSFORMERS, REMOVE CAP UNITS, INS

: - URMANSKI/FRANKLIN

CE - JOHN MARSHALL

STALL CONDUCTORS, INSTALL POLES/TOWERS - URMANSKI/JOHN MARSHALL

Fund (XX)	Location (XXX)		Object (XXX)		Function (XXXXXX)	
10 GENERAL FUND	100 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		291 College Credit Reimbursement		100000 INSTRUCTION	
11 General Grants	102 Franklin	110 John Marshall	300 PURCHASED SERVICES		110000 UNDIFFERENTIATED CURRICULUM	
20 SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS	103 Grant	111 Rib Mountain	310 PERSONAL SERVICES		120000 REGULAR CURRICULUM	
21 Special Revenue Trust Fund	104 Hewitt-Texas	112 Riverview	320 PROPERTY SERVICES		121000 Art	125000 Music
27 Special Education Fund	105 Jefferson	113 Stettin	321 Technology Repairs	327 Construction Service	122000 English Language	126000 Science
29 Other Special Projects Fund	106 G. D. Jones	121 South Mountain	323 Operational Services	328 Building Rental	123000 Foreign Language	127000 Social Studies
30 DEBT SERVICE FUND	107 Lincoln	124 Montessori Charter	324 Maintenance Services	329 Cleaning Services	124000 Mathematics	129000 Other Reg Curriculum
39 Non-Refer. Approv. Debt Serv. Fund	108 Hawthorn Hills	127 Red Granite	330 UTILITIES		130000 VOCATIONAL CURRICULUM	
39 Refer. Approv. Debt Serv. Fund	109 Maine	199 Other/Private Schools	331 Gas For Heat	338 Sewer	131000 Agriculture Edu.	135000 Family And Consumer Edu.
40 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	200 MIDDLE SCHOOLS		336 Elect Not For Heat	339 Other Utilities	132000 Business Education	136000 Technology Education
46 Long Term Capital Impr Trust Fund	220 John Muir	223 Horace Mann	337 Water		133000 Marketing Education	138000 Vocational Special Needs
49 Other Capital Projects Fund	400 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS		340 TRAVEL		134000 Health Occupations Education	139000 Other Vocational Curriculum
50 FOOD SERVICE FUND	425 East		341 Pupil Transportation	345 Pupil Lodging & Meals	140000 PHYSICAL CURRICULUM	
70 TRUST FUNDS	426 West	450 Wausau Area Virtual Ed	342 Employee Travel	348 Vehicle Fuel	141000 Health	143000 Physical Education
72 Private Purpose Trust Fund	500 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDINGS		343 Contract Serv Travel		150000 SPECIAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM	
73 Employee Benefit Trust Fund	540 Buildings & Grounds	546 Thom Field Stadium	350 COMMUNICATIONS		152000 Early Childhood	158000 Combined Cost Reporting
80 COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	541 Food Service	547 Longfellow	351 Advertising	355 Telephone	156000 Physical/Sensory Handicap	159000 Other Special Curriculum
	700 SPECIAL EDUCATION		352 Photography	358 On-line Comm.-Internet	160000 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
	788 Juvenile Detention Cent	794 PEER	353 Postage	359 Other Comm.	161000 Academic	162000 Athletics/Sports
	791 UWMC 18-21 Year Old SSTEP		354 Printing & Binding		170000 SPECIAL NEEDS	
	800 DISTRICT-WIDE		360 DATA PROCESSING & CODING SERVICES		171000 Culturally/Socially Disadv.	174100 School-Age Parent Classroom
	900 OTHER LOCATIONS		370 PAYMENT TO NON-GOVENMENTAL AGENCIES		172000 Gifted And Talented	174200 School-Age Parent Homebound
	981 School Forest		380 INTERGOVERNMENTAL		173000 Non Special Ed. Homebound	179000 Other Special Needs
			382 Payment to WI School Dist	386 Payment to CESA	200000 SUPPORT SERVICES	
			383 Payment to CCDEB	387 Payments to State	210000 Pupil Services	
			385 Payment to County	389 Payment to WTCS	211000 Direction of Pupil Services	216000 Speech Pathology/Audiology
	400 NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS				212000 Social Work	217000 Attendance
	410 SUPPLIES & MATERIALS				213000 Guidance	218100 Occupational Therapy
	411 General Supplies		417 Paper		214000 Health	218200 Physical Therapy
	415 Food		418 Medical Supplies for		215000 Psychological Services	219000 Other Pupil Services
	416 Medical Supplies		IEP Medical Serv		220000 Instructional Staff Services	
	420 APPAREL				221000 Improvement Of Instruction	223000 Supervision & Coord.
	430 INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA				222000 Library Media	229000 Other Instructional Staff Serv.
	431 Audio-Visual Media	434 Periodicals			230000 General Administration	
	432 Library Books	439 Other Media			231000 Board Of Education	239000 Other General Admin
	433 Newspapers				232000 Dist Administration	
	440 N-CAPITAL EQUIPMENT				240000 School Building Administration	
	460 EQUIPMENT COMPONENTS				250000 Business Administration	
	470 TEXTBOOKS & WORKBOOKS				251000 Direction Of Business	255000 Facilities Acqu./Remodeling
	471 Textbooks	473 Sheet Music			252000 Fiscal	256000 Pupil Transportation
	472 Workbooks				253000 Operation	257000 Food Services
	480 TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES, HARDWARE, NON-INST SOFTWARE				254000 Maintenance	258000 Internal Services
	490 OTHER NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS				260000 Central Services	
500 CAPITAL OBJECTS					262000 Systemology	265000 Statistics
510 SITES					263000 Information	266000 Technology Services
511 Site Purchase					264000 Staff Services	269000 Other Central Services
520 SITE REMODELING					270000 Insurance & Judgments	
521 Site Improvements Add.	522 Site Improvements-Replace				280000 Debt Services	
530 BUILDINGS					290000 Other Support Service	
531 Building Acquisition					300000 COMMUNITY SERVICES	
540 BUILDING REMODELING					310000 Adult Education	
550 EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE - INITIAL PURCHASE					390000 Other Community Services	
560 EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE - REPLACEMENT					400000 NON-PROGRAM TRANSACTIONS	
600 DEBT RETIREMENT					410000 Transfers to Another Fund	
670 PRINCIPAL					420000 Trust Fund Disbursements	
680 INTEREST					430000 Purchased Instructional	
690 OTHER DEBT RETIREMENT					490000 Other Non-Program	
700 INSURANCE & JUDGMENTS					500000 DISTRICT-WIDE	
800 OPERATING TRANSFERS - OUT						
900 OTHER OBJECTS						
930 REVENUE TRANSITS						
940 DUES & FEES						
960 ADJUSTMENTS						
970 REFUND OF PRIOR YEAR REVENUE						

Recurring payments

Vendor	Description	
Boys and Girls Club	Partnership payments through grants	Semester
Charter Communications	District Internet Service	Monthly
Children Service Society	Partnership payments through grants	Semester
DWD-UI	Unemployment	Monthly
Little Scholars	4 year old kindergarten partner	Semester
Marathon County Special Ed	Special Ed services	Twice a Year
North Central Technical College	Tuition for at Risk Students	Twice a Year
Wausau Child Care	4 year old kindergarten partner	Semester
Woodson YMCA	4 year old kindergarten partner	Semester
YWCA	4 year old kindergarten partner	Semester
Merrill, Mosinee, and D.C. Everest	Categorical aid reimbursement for tuition paid	Four times/year

Wausau School District Calendar

2027-2028 School Year | Official DRAFT(Pending Waiver Approval)

Monthly Calendar

August	September	October
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School Year Overview

- First Day of Classes
 - First Day: Aug. 24
- No Classes
 - Aug. 23, Sept. 6, Oct. 29, Nov. 24-26, Dec. 22-Dec. 31, March 20-24, April 14

- No Classes - Professional Development for Staff
 - Aug. 16-19, Sept. 24, Oct. 28, Jan. 14, Feb. 14, April 17, May 12

- October 27:
 - No Elementary Classes - AM Recordkeeping
 - No PM Classes (K-12), No in-person AM/PM EC & 4K Classes (*at-home learning)
 - Afternoon Conferences - all

- End of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Quarters
 - Oct. 22, Jan. 13, Mar. 17, May 25

- No PM Elementary Classes (K-5) - Recordkeeping, No in-person AM/PM 4K & EC Classes (*at-home learning)
 - Jan. 13
 - Mar. 3

- Students Last Day/End of 4th Quarter - No PM Classes for K-12 Students, NO 4K/EC Classes
 - May 25

- Teachers' Last Day
 - May 26

Term & Day Totals

Semester 1: 88 Days
Semester 2: 85 Days
Total Student Instructional Days: 173
Teacher Contract Days: 189





Wausau School District Draft Calendar

2027-2028 School Year Calendar



Agenda

- Early Start Waiver Needed
- Work of the Calendar Committee
- Draft 2027-28 School Year Calendar for Initial Approval
- Motion



School Start Date Exemption Needed

- Anticipated construction work during the summer of 2028
 - Riverview Elementary School roof in need of repair
 - Allows for a longer summer to complete the project
- We must hold a public hearing and submit a resolution to DPI for approval to begin the school year before September 1, 2027.



The Return of the Calendar Committee

- 19 Members:
 - District Staff (across 4K/EC, elementary, and secondary)
 - Most staff are also district parents
- Committee met 2 times in August:
 - Tuesday, August 11
 - Tuesday, August 18



Calendar Includes:

- ✓ Early Start (August 24)
- ✓ 173 Instructional Days - with all DPI-required instructional minute thresholds met
- ✓ 189 Teacher Contract Days
- ✓ 3 Built-In Snow Days



The Draft Calendar | 2027-28 School Year

Pending DPI approval for an early start

Wausau School District Calendar

2027-2028 School Year | Official DRAFT(Pending Waiver Approval)

Monthly Calendar

August

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Next Steps:

Questions from the Board?

Motion:

Move to the full board for approval of the draft 2027-2028 school-year calendar, pending approval by DPI to allow for an early start due to anticipated construction.



WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

Program

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT

po2370

September 21, 2026

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PROGRAM

po2370

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT

ADOPTED Jul 13, 2020 · REVISED Nov 14, 2022

2370 - EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OPTIONS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT

The Board recognizes that students learn in different ways and therefore provides a variety of educational programs and options to students developed and approved through the Board and the administration.

The District program includes a variety of opportunities using both on-site and distance learning. The availability of educational options vary depending on the school of attendance and individual student circumstances, and the District is frequently evaluating and updating its programs. Students and parents are encouraged to consult with the school administration to discuss programs best suited for them. The following contains brief descriptions of the educational options available through the District's program, but is not intended to be an exhaustive list:

Early College Credit Program

High school students may take college courses for high school and/or college credit in accordance with Policy 2271 - Early College Credit Program.

Start College Now Program

Students enrolled in grades 11 and 12 may take technical college courses for high school and/or college credit in accordance with Policy 2271.01 - Start College Now Program.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Students may enroll in AP courses that prepare students for the College Board's annual AP Exams offered in the spring. Students may earn college credit based on their AP Exam score.

International Baccalaureate Program

Instrumentality Charter Schools

Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) Courses

Students may enroll in CAPP courses offered in conjunction with UW-Oshkosh for college credit.

Dual Credit Programs

Students enrolled in grades 11 and 12 may take approved dual credit programs with Northcentral Technical College in accordance with State law and District procedures.

Online Courses

Students may enroll in online courses when such course is not otherwise available or as an educational alternative better suited to the diverse learning needs of students.

Work-Study Programs

Students may enroll in the District's cooperative education program offered with a course or in a work-study program designed to the individual needs of the student.

Summer Learning

The District offers a summer learning program that includes both enrichment and credit recovery options.

Wisconsin Seal of Biliteracy

The Wisconsin Seal of Biliteracy recognizes high school graduates who demonstrate proficiency in English and one or more additional languages across listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Designed to honor language learning and technical skill, this is an industry-recognized credential that strengthens college and career readiness while equipping biliterate graduates to meet the growing needs of our workforce and community.

Youth Apprenticeship Program

The District offers a Youth Apprenticeship program as part of the Statewide School-to-Work initiative.

Full-Time Open Enrollment Program

The District offers a full-time open enrollment opportunity to students in accordance with Policy 5113 - Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District).

Part-Time Open Enrollment Program

The District offers a part-time open enrollment opportunity to students in accordance with Policy 5113.01 - Part-Time Open Enrollment.

Courses for Home-Based Private Education Students

Students enrolled in home-based private education programs may take up to two (2) courses per semester in the District in accordance with Policy 9270 - Home-Based, Private, or Tribal Schooling.

Notification of Educational Options

Annually, the District shall provide a list of educational options to parents in accordance with Policy 8146 - Notification of Educational Options.

T.C. 11/14/22

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Wausau School District

Seal of Biliteracy Overview



What is the Seal of Biliteracy?



History of the Seal of Biliteracy

- The SoBL movement originated in California by the advocacy group *Californians Together* and passed into legislation in 2011.
- Wisconsin adopted the Seal in 2015.
- Research suggests that the potential of earning a SoBL motivates students to continue languages and has resulted in increased enrollment in world language programming.

Seal of Biliteracy

Honoring Bilingualism & Biculturalism

The Seal of Biliteracy is applied to a student's transcripts upon graduation, formally recognizing efforts to attain academic language proficiency in more than one language.

With this industry-recognized credential, the district formally acknowledges and encourages these valuable linguistic and cultural skills, gearing the opportunity toward all students.

Assessment Areas

Students are assessed across three core components to earn the seal:

- **L1:** First Language Proficiency
- **L2:** Second Language Proficiency
- **Socio-Cultural** Competency

Potential Impact



**7% of our population speaks
another language**

1,128

Students

36 Different Languages



Top 5 Languages in Wausau

735

Hmong

229

Spanish

30

Swahili

15

Mandarin

13

Vietnamese

**What are the benefits of
the Seal of Biliteracy?**

Benefits of the Seal of Biliteracy

01

Competitive edge in furthering education

02

Opportunity to earn college credit

03

Competitive edge in the workplace, greater earning potential, and economic opportunities

04

Students learn to better comprehend, accept, and value linguistic and cultural diversity

05

Values and honors students' efforts and shows them that development of more than one language is an asset that is valued

**What programs do we
already have in place?**

Programs that support Biliteracy & Bilingualism

- French, German and Spanish instruction at MS and HS levels
- Multilingual Programming at all secondary schools
 - Total ML Enrollment @ High Schools: 186 students
- AP at West
- IB at East
- French Dual Credit with UWGB

How do students qualify?

Measures of Language Proficiency and Eligibility Criteria for **English**

Students complete all English requirements for graduation AND receive one of the following evaluation results:

- A. ACT ELA:** Minimum score of 18
- B. AP Language and Composition:** Minimum score of 4
- C. IB Language B:** Score of 5 or 6
- D. ACCESS for MLs:** Literacy score of 4 or higher
- E. STAMP 4S:** Demonstrate English proficiency for current or exited MLs

Measures of Language Proficiency and Eligibility Criteria for **Languages other than English**

Students must demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages other than English through one of the following methods:

- A. Pass the STAMP 4S or another approved assessment (Aligned to ACTFL) in a language other than English with a level of Intermediate High or better
- B. Pass IB Language B exam with a score of 5 (Intermediate High) or 6 (Advanced Low)
- C. Pass AP Language and Culture Exam with a minimum score of 4

Measures to demonstrate sociocultural competence

Travel

- Provide evidence of Wisconsin World Language Standard Four for Intercultural Communication:

Field trips

- Use language and cultural knowledge to investigate, compare, explain, interact, and reflect on the relationships between the products, practices, and perspectives of diverse and dynamic cultures within the local and global communities.

Hosting

Guest Speakers

Community Service/Events

- Students will enter their hours of participation in EduClimber and reflect on their experience.
- The district Seal of Biliteracy coordinator will check each student on an annual basis in May.

Presentations

Readings

What will students receive?

- 1 A certificate from DPI
- 2 Seal of Biliteracy endorsement on transcript
- 3 Recognition on graduation program
- 4 Acknowledgment at senior awards



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