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Dear WLI-MT Language & Culture Learning Family,

The Montana Board of Public Education has recently approved the Seal of Biliteracy for all students! World language students, and native and heritage speakers are hereby able to earn this distinction in conjunction with their high school diploma. We were the 45th state to add this for the sake of our students. This change was put into motion by many hardworking individuals across the state, many of whom are from Bozeman!

This addition will allow native, heritage speakers, and world language students to more easily gain access to jobs and opportunities in the future, both domestically and internationally. The team assembled to enact this change was careful to ensure that all languages, most especially indigenous languages were thoughtfully included.

Students will be encouraged to take a proficiency exam that has been pre-approved by the Board of Ed. Students may take the exam as many times as needed to complete the task and qualify. Some may be able to do this in 5th grade, and others may do this during their senior year of high school. Bozeman public school educators are hard at work aiming to make this first round happen this year.

Homeschoolers, as well as private & public school learners, are eligible! Adults are also welcome to earn this distinction with the Global Seal of Biliteracy. I will also take my proficiency exam in Spanish soon using the Avant STAMP test. Feel free to ask me about my linguistic journey & about the Seal of Biliteracy! Find out more about the [Montana Seal here](#) or learn about the [Global Seal here](#).

Sincerely,



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