IHAB Foreign World Language Education

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision for foreign language education.

The board supports the strengthening of foreign language education throughout the schools.

The district will offer teach a world language as an elective in grades nine through twelve secondary grades. (most state four-year colleges/universities require a minimum of two units of the same world language with several requiring a minimum of three units for admission).

At the middle school grades, foreign languages will be taught as an elective and also as a high school credit-bearing course. At the secondary grades, foreign language will be taught as a credit-bearing course in all grades. Instruction in all foreign language classes will be based on the South Carolina Foreign Language Curriculum Standards. As resources permit, elementary schools may also provide foreign language programs based on the South Carolina Curriculum Standards and the Elementary Foreign Language Curriculum program (FLES) model.

Option: As resources permit, the district will also offer teach world language in grades six through eight.

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Legal References:

A. S. C. Code, 1976, as amended:
   1. Section 59-17-130 - American Sign Language as world language credit.

B. State Board of Education Regulations:
   1. R43-234 - Defined program, grades 9-12.