

Addendum to the Graduation Policy for Class of 2023-2027

World Language Requirements

- a. Middle School Credit – As a reminder, students who complete year one and are proficient in World Language at Barrington Middle School will have 1 credit added to their high school transcript. The grade will be included in their GPA. They will be required to complete the second year of the same language to meet the two credits of graduation requirements. Any student who wishes to change their language may do so; however, students require two years of the same language for the purpose of graduation.
- b. Special Education and Disability Waivers – As a reminder, the student and their team may waive the world language graduation requirement for students with a documented language-based disability, or other disability recognized by URI, RIC, and CCRI as eligible for a waiver. Students who are working for a Transition Pathway are not required to complete two years of a World Language.
- c. Multi-Language Learners – Students for whom English is not their home language are eligible to receive their World Language Credits through APPL proficiency testing. APPL awards four levels of proficiency. Each level will be noted as a credit on the student’s transcript. The purpose of this opportunity is to allow students to focus on English development. All students continue to have the opportunity to take World Language, even if they qualify for the testing option.
- d. Sign Language – URI, RIC, and CCRI now recognize American Sign Language as a language that meets the graduation requirements. Although BPS does not have an official sign language program; students may opt to take sign language through the Advanced Course Network (ACN) or other program approved by the Barrington High School Counseling Department in coordination with Administration.

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