

World Language Standards Public Comments

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I would like to see cross-disciplinary standards with the Lakota language and more emphasis on our Lakota/Dakota language. The Dakota's are our homes and these languages have been spoken here for generations. We have ELA and Technology standards across the disciplines, I would suggest we also add Lakota/Dakota standards.

I am concerned that there is very little if any mention of Lakota/Dakota or Indigenous languages. We are speaking about being global citizens but haven't even concentrated on being local citizens yet to the people who live here homelands.

The State can be extremely beneficial to language revitalization efforts and help save near extinct languages. It would benefit all students-Native and non and help build bridges between our cultures and assist in diffusing cultural conflicts.