

## **Framework: Foreign Language Instruction Pilot Program**

### **Objective**

To enhance early childhood education in North Dakota by supporting schools that provide foreign language instruction in grades K–3 through limited-time financial grants.

### **Program Duration**

- **Start:** 2025–2026 School Year
- **End:** 2026–2027 School Year (2-year pilot)

### **Eligible Participants**

- **Public and private schools** in North Dakota
- Must offer **foreign language instruction** to students in **Kindergarten through Grade 3**

### **Grant Funding**

- **Up to \$2,500 per school per year**
- **Total funds appropriated:** \$49,500 for the 2025–2027 biennium
- **Use of Funds:**
  - Hiring or supplementing salaries of foreign language teachers (stipends)
  - Purchasing curriculum and instructional materials
  - Covering other program-related costs

### **Application & Participation Requirements**

To be developed by the **North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI)**. Recommended elements may include:

1. Program plan (language offered, instructional time, curriculum description)
2. Implementation timeline
3. Budget allocation (how funds will be used)
4. Teacher qualifications
5. Reporting requirements (annual program impact report)