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Mr. Ryan Rumpf
Director of ELL and WL Curriculum
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
205 Jefferson Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Rumpf,

William Woods University is proud to award college credit to high school students through the Seal of Biliteracy Program. As educators, we are acutely aware of the advantage students gain from learning a second language.

American Sign Language and Spanish are both part of the William Woods University curricular offerings. Once a student has committed to language study at William Woods, our enthusiastic support of the Seal of Biliteracy results in policies allowing students to earn up to 18 credit hours of language coursework transcribed at no charge to the student. These credit hours can save students considerable time and money, and award them the ability to advance their language study rapidly. We are excited about the benefit this program will provide for our students through the advantages of language study in the job market and overall academic performance.

Additionally, the Seal of Biliteracy should encourage students to study languages at a higher level in high school, which will aid them in enumerable ways in a university setting. William Woods University is proud to be a part of this great program, and we are thankful to all the organizations that worked to develop this program for the benefit of students.

Sincerely,

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Vice-President for Academic Affairs
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