

NEVADA GIRLS STATE  
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Memorializes the 2017 session of the Nevada legislature to enact legislation that will mandate the teaching of a second language in all public schools of Nevada in grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

WHEREAS, If we start teaching a second, non-English language in Kindergarten and continue to teach this specific language through a child's education they are extremely likely to be bilingual by the time they graduate; and

WHEREAS, Brains are more receptive to learning multiple languages prior to 14 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Being bilingual improves cognitive skills and develops greater attention spans for younger minds; and

WHEREAS, According to Cal.org, learning a second language at a young age has a positive effect on intellectual growth and enriches and enhances a child's mental development; and

WHEREAS, Being proficient in more than one language will make Nevada students more competitive in international and global markets; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on July 1, 2016 that the 2017 session of the Nevada legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation that will mandate the teaching of a second language in all public schools of Nevada in grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.