



Middlebury Language Schools

Stephen Snyder
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dean of Language Schools
ssnyder@middlebury.edu

Sunderland 209
Middlebury, VT 05753
802.443.5979

21 November 2023

Dear Members of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators,

I am writing to request a Results-Oriented Program Approval (ROPA) review for a new Professional Licensure Preparation Program proposed by the Middlebury Language Schools' graduate programs in Spanish, French, Korean, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic, German and Hebrew.

The Middlebury Language Schools have a long-standing tradition of excellence in language education, and we are dedicated to offering rigorous and innovative programs to meet the changing needs of language educators. As such, we have developed a hybrid teaching licensure preparation program to provide comprehensive training for educators aiming to teach world languages in K-12 schools in Vermont and beyond. The VSBPE and Agency of Education's assessment will help us ensure the program meets the highest standards of teacher preparation. We are committed to producing educators who are well-prepared, culturally sensitive, and capable of fostering language proficiency and intercultural competence in their students.

Our program is a hybrid model, combining online coursework with a critical residential component during the summer. I kindly request a site visit during the summer to observe the program in action. Please let me know if you need any further information or documents to proceed. I look forward to hearing from you and to collaborating throughout the ROPA process.

Sincerely,

Stephen Snyder
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dean of Language Schools
Kawashima Professor of Japanese Studies