UTAH PORTUGUESE DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION (DLI) TEACHER REQUIREMENTS

1. **Teachers must have legal authorization to work in the United States.** At this time, none of our school districts are offering H1B work visas to new teachers. Teacher candidates must be permanent residents or citizens. Individuals graduating from an American university with a one-year OPT (Optional Practical Training) may be permitted to teach for one year.

2. **Teachers must have a bachelor’s degree with a current K–12 teaching license.** The teaching license may be an elementary or secondary license.
   - If the degree was awarded outside of the United States, teachers should go to [https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/licensing/earning](https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/licensing/earning) and look for International License – Application Process. **Questions regarding this process should be directed to the Utah State Office of Education.**
   - At this time, Portuguese Dual Language Immersion programs do not accept candidates wishing to complete an Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL).

3. **Teachers must demonstrate proficiency in the Portuguese language by completing the following two (2) requirements:**
   - **Earn a minimum score of Advanced-Mid on the ACTFL OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview).** This requirement is written into state board rule and is non-negotiable. The OPI is administered in two ways:
     - **National OPI test** administered by Language Testing International ([http://www.languagetesting.com/](http://www.languagetesting.com/)) ($135 - $260), which will be valid for licensure in most states.
     - **State proficiency test** administered by Utah Foreign Language Association ([https://organizations.weber.edu/ufla/ProficiencyTesting/UFLAPT.html](https://organizations.weber.edu/ufla/ProficiencyTesting/UFLAPT.html)) ($75), which will be recognized in the state of Utah.
   - **Show proficiency in reading and writing with ONE of the following:**
     - Bachelor’s degree from a university in a Portuguese-speaking country
     - Minimum score of 80% on the FLATS test offered at BYU ([http://flats.byu.edu](http://flats.byu.edu))
     - Minimum score of "Intermediário Superior" on the Celpe-Bras test available at UVU

4. Upon the completion of the previous requirements, teachers should apply for the following two endorsements:
   - **World Language Endorsement** [https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/worldlanguages](https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/worldlanguages)
   - **Dual Language Immersion Endorsement** [https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/dualimmersion](https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/dualimmersion)

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