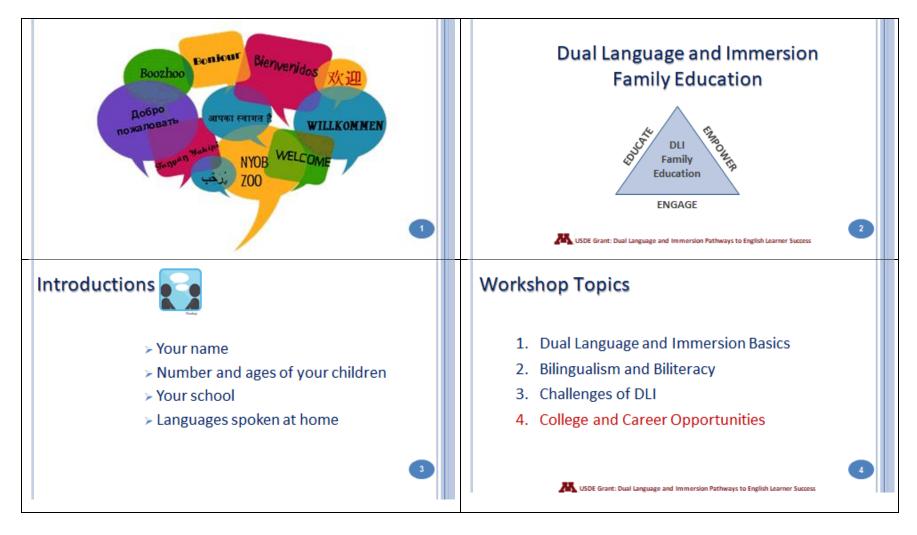
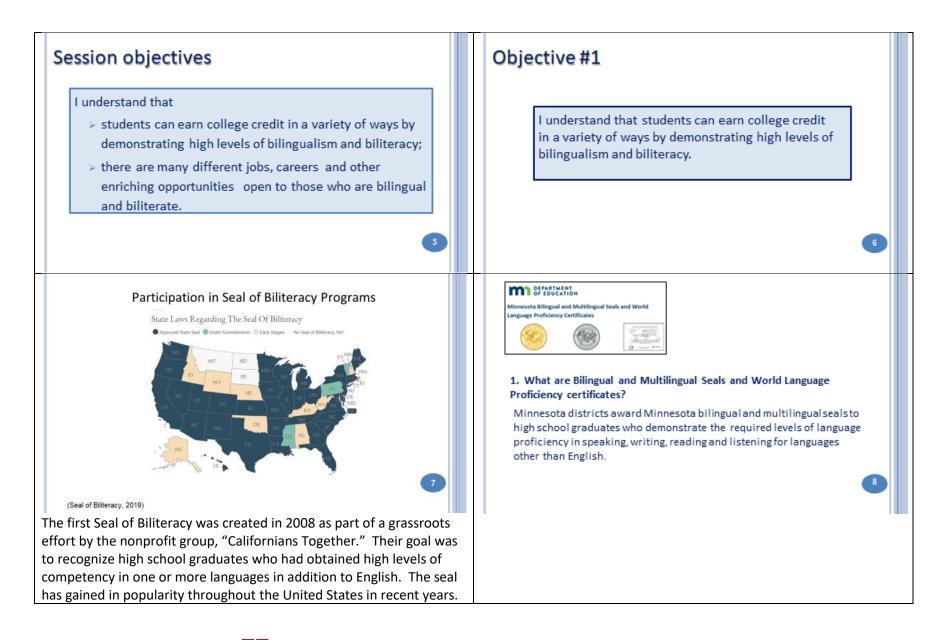
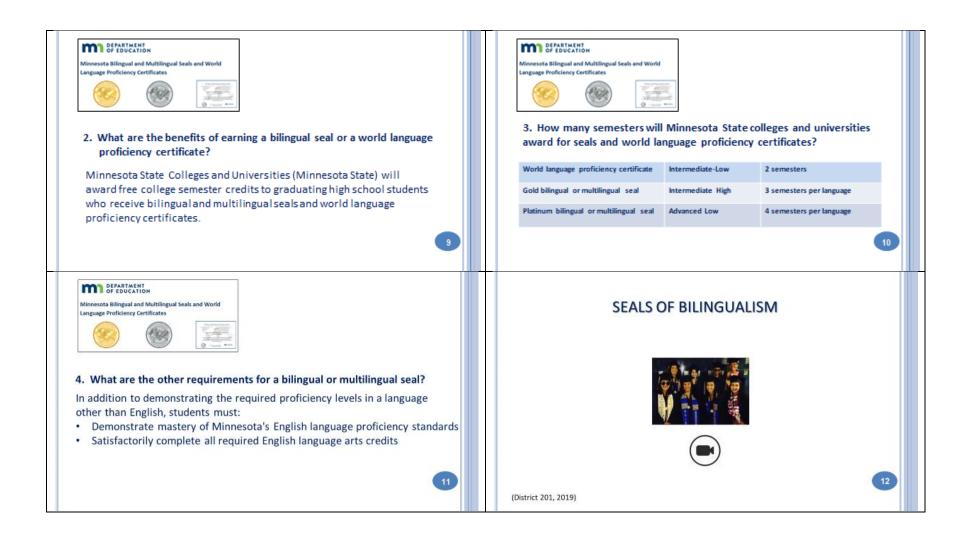
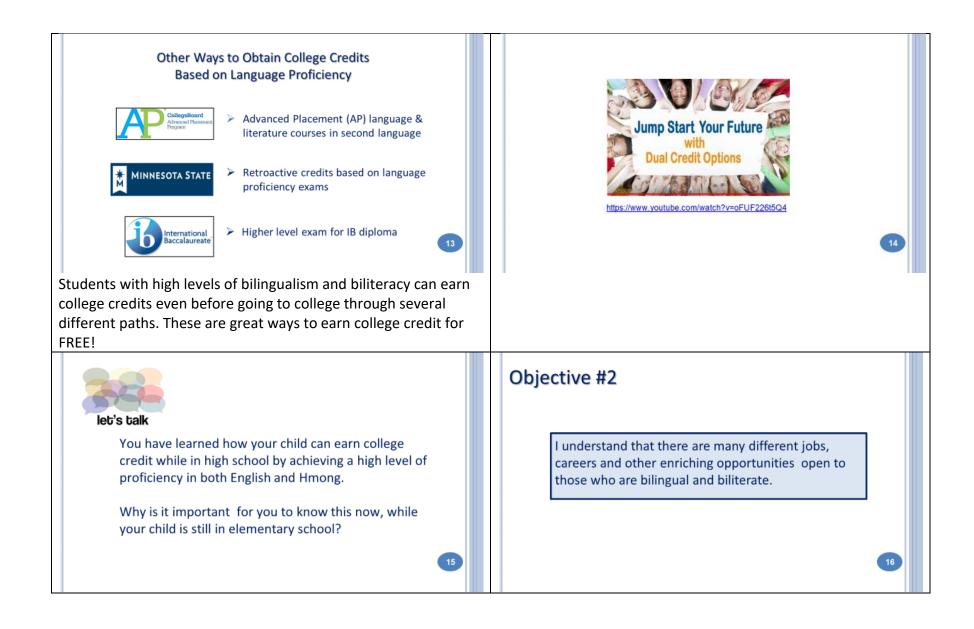
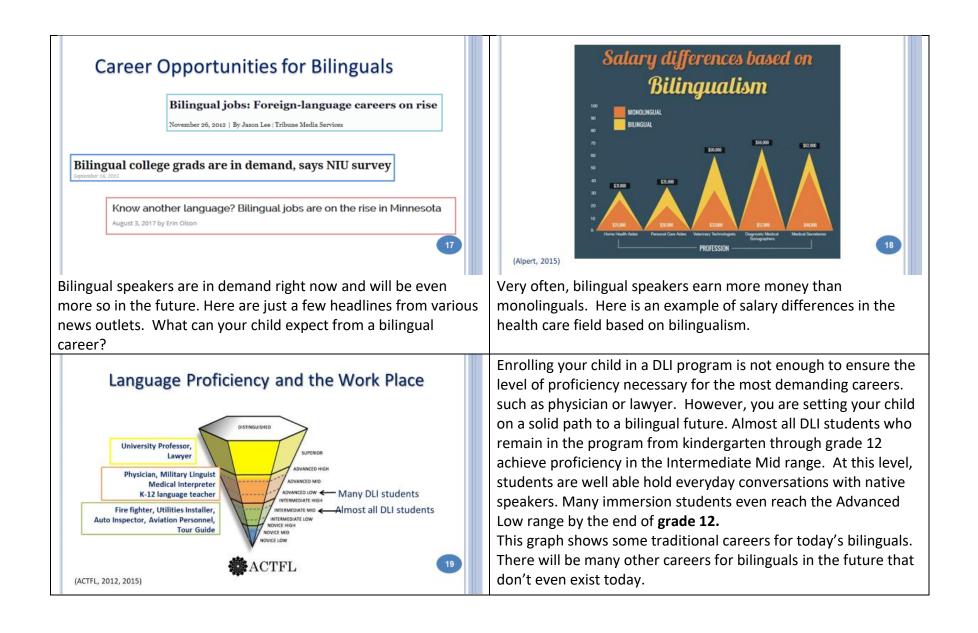
SESSION IV: COLLEGE AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES













Bilinguals have an advantage in the digital economy, which is global by nature and requires a globally-minded work force.

- o Research has shown that individuals who:
 - are <u>high use bilinguals</u> who use both languages frequently for personal and professional purposes, and
 - have very <u>high levels of biliteracy</u>
 - are those who ...
 - are more likely to attend and graduate from 4-year colleges, which increases opportunities in the labor market;
 - · are likely to have more prestigious and higher paying careers; and
 - have greater opportunities for career advancement.
- These benefits are increasingly critical for young people in today's global economy!

(Porras, Ee & Gándara, 2014; Santibañez & Zárate, 2014)

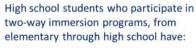
In summary:

- Children of immigrants who can speak, read and write in both English and the language spoken at home have an advantage in the labor market.
- Individuals with immigrant backgrounds who only speak English and don't retain the home language lose between \$2,000 and \$5,000 annually.
- In contrast, those with immigrant backgrounds who know both English and the language spoken at home — also known as "balanced bilinguals"—are more likely to earn more money than those who only know English.

(Agirdag, 2014; Navarez, 2015; Rumbaut, 2014)

The future begins now!





- high levels of academic competence and motivation;
- ambitions to go to college;
- knowledge about how to apply to and get into college;

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(Lindholm-Leary & Borsato, 2001)

o and pride in bilingualism.

