



The Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages
of the New York State Education Department



presents:

Enacting the New York State Culture Standards

NYSED OBEWL is sponsoring a two-day, in-person workshop in each of nine regions in New York State to support NYS world language educators to understand how to enact the NYS Culture Standards. All workshops will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a one-hour lunch on your own. The workshop description for each day, as well as the locations and dates are listed below. Participants must commit to attending both days in full. 8 hours of CTLE credit are offered.

Day 1: Enacting the NYS Culture Standards, Part 1 - When intercultural competence is developed alongside language proficiency, NYS world language students are positioned to become culturally responsive high school graduates. In Day 1 of this 2-day workshop, presenters will make evident the inextricable relationship between cultural and communicative literacies. They will share strategies for using authentic resources, images, and artifacts as sources of interpretation, cultural voice, and communicative context. After taking a close look at the language functions of the NYS Culture Standards 4 and 5 and associated assessment rubrics, participants will collaborate to map out an Interpretive instructional sequence that embeds the language functions of the Culture Standards.

Day 2: Enacting the NYS Culture Standards, Part 2 - Day 2 of this 2-day workshop will build on foundational understandings from the previous day. In this session, presenters will share strategies for prompting Interpersonal and Presentational Communication using the language functions of Culture Standards 4 and 5. They will also demonstrate ways to integrate these output tasks with the previously developed Interpretive instructional sequence. After taking a close look at the language functions of the NYS Culture Standards 4 and 5 and associated assessment rubrics, participants will collaborate to map out Interpersonal and Presentational tasks that align with the previously developed instructional sequence that embeds the language functions of the Culture Standards.

Workshop venues

- Capital region - Thursday, July 9th - Friday, July 10th - Questar III BOCES (10 Empire State Blvd., Castleton-On-Hudson, NY 12033)
- Hudson Valley region - Tuesday, July 7th - Wednesday, July 8th - Ulster BOCES (175 N. Chesnut St., New Paltz, NY 12561)
- Long Island region - Tuesday, July 14th - Wednesday, July 15th - Nassau BOCES (Robert Lupinskie Center, One Merrick Ave., Westbury, NY 11590)
- Mid-State region - Monday, July 20th - Tuesday, July 21st - OHM BOCES (4747 Middle Settlement Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413)
- Mid-West region - Monday, June 29th - Tuesday, June 30th - Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES (3599 Big Ridge Rd., Spencerport, NY 14559)
- New York City region - Thursday, July 16th - Friday, July 17th - Fordham University - Bronx Campus (2691 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10458)

- Northern NY region - Thursday, July 23rd - Friday, July 24th - Jefferson-Lewis BOCES (20104 Arsenal St, Watertown, NY 13601)
- Southern Tier region - Thursday, July 30th - Friday, July 31st - BT BOCES, Johnson City Learning Center (500 Main St, Johnson City, NY 13790)
- Western NY region - Monday, July 27th - Tuesday, July 28th – Erie 1 BOCES (355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224)

Registration process: All participants must pre-register for these workshops using the **NYSED registration form**. (Please note that using your school’s internal system, such as Frontline, does **not** register you for these workshops.) Once the registrant’s email address has been verified as being from a New York State school, college, or university, an email confirming their registration will be sent. Pre-registration will close by Friday, June 26, 2026, or whenever the individual venues reach capacity; there will be no same-day registration. **Only pre-registered attendees will be eligible for a certificate documenting attendance and/or CTLE hours.**

To register for one of these two-day summer workshops, visit our [registration page](#). Registration will close two weeks prior to the date of the workshop or when the maximum number of registrants has been reached, whichever is earlier. For more information on professional learning webinars for world language educators, please visit our [website](#).

Workshop presenters: **Dr. Joanne O’Toole** is a Professor of Modern Language Education in the Curriculum and Instruction Department at SUNY Oswego. She is a member of the World Language Executive Committee and the Principal Investigator of the NYS World Language Standards Initiative. Joanne has served in several world language leadership positions including NYSAFLT President and NECTFL Director, and is a regular presenter at national, regional, state, and local conferences. Joanne is a certified teacher of Spanish and taught Spanish for 16 years prior to entering post-secondary education.



Bill Heller has taught in public elementary, secondary, community college and undergraduate classrooms for 40 years, including 24 years teaching Spanish at Perry High School. He has been a methods and Spanish instructor at SUNY Geneseo since 2001. He is a frequent presenter of workshops, webinars and keynotes. Bill served as Conference Chair for the 2018 Northeast Conference (NECTFL) and is currently a member of the World Language Executive Committee at the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

Dr. Lori Langer de Ramirez began her language teaching career as a teacher of Spanish, French and ESL. She holds a Master’s Degree in Applied Linguistics and a Doctorate in Curriculum and Teaching from Teachers College, Columbia University. She is currently the K-12 chair of the World and Classical Languages Department at the Dalton School in New York City. Lori is the author of books, texts and articles about language teaching and learning and multicultural education. She presents workshops at local, regional and national conferences and works with teachers in schools throughout the U.S. and around the world. Her website (www.miscositas.com) offers free materials for teaching Chinese, English, French, and Spanish.



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