



Countdown to the Launch of the Revised NYS Learning Standards for World Languages Beginning Implementation Date: September 2023

September 2023 will mark the beginning of the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) implementation of the revised NYS Learning Standards for World Languages for the entering Checkpoint A cohort. The first locally developed Checkpoint A assessments based on the revised standards, as well as the assessment frameworks provided by NYSED, will be administered in June 2025.

With only one year remaining before the phase-in of the standards implementation begins, now is the time for all world language teachers to become familiar with the revised standards and the instructional shifts that underpin their successful implementation. Since the revised standards were adopted by the NYS Board of Regents in the Spring of 2021, the [Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages \(OBEWL\)](#) has been creating and disseminating professional learning and instructional planning resources and guidance.

Here are some ways teachers and departments can get ready for a successful transition to the revised standards:



Tour the [World Languages](#) pages of the OBEWL website to find standards [documents](#) and professional learning [resources](#).



Use department and Professional Learning Communities (PLC) meetings to view and discuss past [webinars](#) from the OBEWL Professional Learning Series along with the companion Facilitation Guides that accompany each webinar.



Collaborate as a department to conduct a curriculum audit to identify opportunities for revision to align with the revised NYS Learning Standards for World Languages. Superintendent's Conference Days are ideal times to complete these reviews.



Participate in the webinars offered as part of the OBEWL Professional Learning Series. Those who attend OBEWL webinars or view the recordings and pass the post-assessments may earn Continuing Teacher Leader Education (CTLE) credit.



Participate in the statewide full-day webinar on [Creating Thematic Units for Checkpoint A](#) on Election Day, November 8, 2022, from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM.



Create an independent study plan to view webinars and earn **CTLE credits**. There are many resources available on the [OBEWL website](#). If you have already accessed some of the materials, or have been to some webinars, start where you feel most comfortable.



Follow a monthly study plan. Below is a suggested outline for "getting up to speed" with the revised NYS Learning Standards for World Languages for those who are just getting started:

Month/Focus	Suggested Engagement Strategies
September <i>Orientation to the Revised NYS Learning Standards for World Languages</i>	Resource: NYS Learning Standards for World Languages (2021) Resource: Themes and Topics Resource: Crosswalk LOTE (1996) to WL Standards (2021) Resource: How to Read the NYS Modern Language Standards Resource: How to Read the NYS Classical Language Standards
October <i>Proficiency Targets and Language Functions</i>	Webinar: Understanding Checkpoint Proficiency Targets Resource: Proficiency Ranges and Performance Indicators - Category 1 & 2 Category 3 & 4 Classical Languages
November <i>Standard 1: Interpretive Communication and Authentic Resources</i>	Webinar: From Skills to Modes - Part 1: Interpretive Communication Webinar: Embedding Authentic Resources into Lesson Plans Resources: Authentic Resources & Wakelet - Authentic Resource Collections
December <i>Standards 2 & 3</i>	Webinar: From Skills to Modes - Part 2: Interpersonal Communication Webinar: From Skills to Modes - Part 3: Presentational Communication
January <i>Standards 4 & 5</i>	Webinar: From Facts to Functions - The Cultures Standards
February <i>Creating Can-Do Statements</i>	Webinar: Understanding Performance Indicators and Can-Do Statements Resource: Language Functions Reference Sheet
March <i>Assembling the Toolbox: Vocabulary & Grammar</i>	Webinar: Understanding Vocabulary Development in Standards-Based Teaching Webinar: Understanding the Role of Grammar in Proficiency Development - Parts 1 & 2
April <i>Thematic Unit Planning</i>	Webinar: Understanding NYS World Language Themes and Topics Webinar: Understanding Unit Planning with the Revised NYS World Language Standards – Part 1 Resource: Unit Plan Templates - Category 1 & 2 Category 3 & 4 Classical Resource: Annotated Unit Plan Templates - Category 1 & 2 Category 3 & 4 Classical Languages Resource: Unit Plan Exemplars: Checkpoint A Checkpoint B Checkpoint C Resource: Assessment Task Designs
May <i>Lesson Planning</i>	Webinar: Understanding Standards-Based Lesson Planning Resource: Lesson Plan Templates - Category 1 & 2 Category 3 & 4 Classical Resource: Annotated Lesson Plan Templates - Category 1 & 2 Category 3 & 4 Classical Languages
June <i>Curriculum Planning</i>	Webinar: Preparing for Standards-Based Curriculum Planning Resource: Unit Audit Template
Summer 2023 <i>Creating Unit Plan (Checkpoint A)</i>	Resource: Blank Curriculum Map Resource: Planning Outline - Language Functions Resource: Curriculum Course Audit Template (Modern Languages) Curriculum Course Audit Template (Classical Languages)