



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



What Every School Counselor Needs to Know about World Languages

Presenter: Candace Black

Webinar date & time: Tuesday, October 21st, 2025, 4:00-5:00 pm via Zoom

The Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages (OBEWL) of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) presents this next webinar in the 2025-26 school year: **What Every School Counselor Needs to Know about World Languages**. While the intended audience for this webinar is school counselors, any NYS educator or administrator that advises students is welcome to attend. This webinar is offered free of charge with one (1) hour of CTLE credit offered.

Webinar description: Navigating the NYS diploma requirements for world languages can be challenging. This webinar will demystify the various regulations on earning world language credit. Common and not-so-common issues will be presented, including best practices for student placement, middle and high school programs, transfer credit, the 4+1 pathway in world languages, and what to do when a student doesn't meet the requirement to earn credit. We will also address the unique situation of awarding credit from "weekend schools" and from school attendance and residency abroad. The presentation will be centered around how school counselors can play a vital role in supporting students to plan for college and career readiness in our increasingly global society. Ample time for questions will be provided.



Registration process: All participants are encouraged to pre-register for this event. Pre-registration will close on Friday, October 17, 2025; there will be no same-day registrations. 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. Twenty-four hours prior to the event, all registered individuals will receive login instructions with the link to join the webinar. **Only pre-registered attendees will be eligible for a certificate documenting attendance and/or CTLE hours.**

Link to registration form: <https://wlnys.wufoo.com/forms/z1kwkxx91wt9y4p/>

Webinar Presenter: **Candace Black** is the World Languages Associate in the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages. She is currently leading the implementation of the revised NYS World Languages Standards and oversees the NYS Seal of Biliteracy program. Candace graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in French from SUNY Potsdam and earned both her M.B.A., and M.A.T. from the University of Rochester. A National Board-Certified Teacher, Candace taught French for 21 years and served as an IB Diploma Coordinator. In all her roles, most especially her current one, Candace is deeply committed to the professional learning and support of World Language teachers and the promotion of the NYS Seal of Biliteracy.



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