



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



presents:

Growing Your NYS Seal of Biliteracy Program

Presenter: Candace Black

Date & Time: Monday, October 30th, 2023, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

1 hour of CTLE credit offered.

The Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages (OBEWL) of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) presents this second webinar in its 2023-24 NYSSB Professional Learning Series: **Growing Your NYS Seal of Biliteracy Program**. This webinar is offered free of charge for educators, counselors, and administrators working and studying in New York State educational institutions.



Webinar description: Have you offered the NYS Seal of Biliteracy for one or more years and are now looking for ways to grow your program? This session will present strategies for expanding an existing program, including:

- raising awareness about the Seal among faculty, counselors, staff, and the school community;
- recruiting and motivating students;
- supporting English Language Learners to pursue the Seal;
- monitoring student progress toward the Seal;
- creating a pipeline for the Seal that spans middle and high school; and
- streamlining the Culminating Project and presentation process.

Digital resources, a local BOCES contact, and ample time for participant questions will be provided.

Registration process: All participants are encouraged to pre-register for this event. Pre-registration will close approximately 24 hours prior to the event; **there will be no same-day registrations**. Once the registrant's email address has been verified as being from a New York State educational institution, 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/w27txqg1bvn6qm/>

Additional webinars on the Seal offered this year will include:

- November 15th – [Completing the NYSSB School Notification Form](#)
- December 4th – [Promoting the Seal of Biliteracy and Recruiting Students](#)
- January 17th – [Supporting Students through the Culminating Project](#)
- February 28th – [Using the NYSSB rubric to Evaluate Culminating Project Presentations](#)
- March 20th – [Training Panelists to Evaluate Culminating Projects & Presentations](#)
- April 10th – [Demystifying End-of-Year Data Submission for the Seal](#)

For more information on the NYS Seal of Biliteracy, please visit our website or contact nyssb@nysed.gov.

Webinar Presenters:

Candace Black is the World Languages Associate in the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages at the New York State Education Department. 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 2021, she was the recipient of the President's Award for both NYSAFLT and NYSAWLA and was elected as a Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes académiques by the French government. 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.



Sarah Cioffi is the K-12 Academic Administrator for World Languages and English as a New Language at the Shenendehowa Central School District in Clifton Park, NY (Saratoga County). Sarah earned her B.A. in French and Political Science from the University of Vermont, an M.A.T. from Union College, her administrative degree from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and is currently working on her doctoral degree in educational leadership from Russell Sage College. Sarah taught French and Spanish for 25 years, and currently teaches in the M.A.T. programs at both Clarkson University and Bard College. She was recently awarded the Gordon Baker Alumni Award for service and leadership at Clarkson University. Sarah is a member of the New York State World Language Leadership Council, the NYS ELL Leadership Council, and the NYS Seal of Biliteracy Task Force, and is a co-director of the NYCAL World Language Exam Consortium.

