



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



Supporting Students through the Culminating Project & Presentation

Presenters: Candace Black & Maria Fenton

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 17th, 2024, 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 fifth webinar in its 2023-24 NYSSB Professional Learning Series: **Supporting Students through the Culminating Project & Presentation**. This webinar is offered free of charge for educators, counselors, and administrators working and studying in New York State educational institutions.



Webinar description: The Culminating Project is the only criterion for the NYS Seal of Biliteracy that earns students two out of three points in a language. Because of this, almost one-third of all Seal earners choose to complete a Culminating Project in English and almost half of all Seal earners complete a Culminating Project in another world language. This webinar will present ideas on how to develop structures to support students through the successful completion of these projects, including the various required elements of the project, embedding projects within coursework, matching students with mentors, monitoring student progress, familiarizing students with the rubric, leveraging technology to help them prepare to present their projects to a panel, and general recommendations for supporting high-quality student performance based on seven years of offering the Seal of Biliteracy.

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/w112x5xm1o7ps4r/>

Additional webinars on the Seal offered this year will include:

- 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 Presenter: **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.



Maria Fenton was born and raised in Europe. English is her 5th language. She graduated with a Modern Languages degree from the Sorbonne University, Paris. In NYS, Maria received degrees from Wells College and SUNY Cortland. She has taught for over 30 years and is National Board certified. Maria is a Resource Specialist with the Mid-State Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network at OCM BOCES. She is devoted to positively impacting student achievement. Maria supports districts with their World Language and ENL programs encouraging and strengthening multilingual, multicultural experiences for all students. She is devoted to positively impacting student achievement. She is passionate about accomplished teaching, professional collaboration and reflective practice. Maria works with other state leaders bridging and expanding multiple partnerships on behalf of students and colleagues across New York State.

