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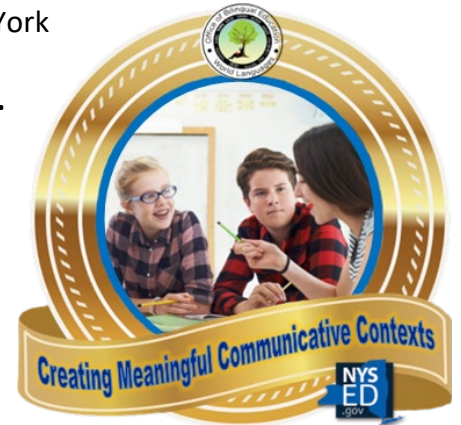
Creating Meaningful Communicative Contexts

Presenter: Michael Travers

Webinar date & time: Tuesday, April 8th, 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 its 2025 Professional Learning Series: **Creating Meaningful Communicative Contexts**. This webinar is offered free of charge for world language educators and administrators working and studying in New York State educational institutions. One (1) hour of CTLE credit offered.

Webinar description: In teaching, we talk about how everything we do in our classrooms needs to have a purpose. But is that purpose to practice language or to really get our students communicating about something that interests them? In this webinar, we will look at ways to transform lessons in the 3 modes of communication into tasks that compel students to learn and communicate in the target language. We will examine ways to construct prompts and scenarios to engage our learners and also simple changes that can be made to existing lessons to provide meaningful contexts that allow our students to communicate in the target language.



Registration process: All participants are encouraged to pre-register for this event. Pre-registration will close on Friday, April 4th, 2024; 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://wnys.wufoo.com/forms/zkfavbi1v4n8yp/>

Webinar presenter: **Michael Travers** is a teacher at Wellesley High School in Massachusetts and has taught Spanish and French at the novice and intermediate levels. He is an active presenter at MAFLA, NECTFL, and ACTFL, and currently serves on the MAFLA Board of Directors. He is also the co-author of the recently published book *Teaching For Proficiency: Teaching Grammar for Proficiency*. Mike has a true passion for working with districts and teachers as they make the shift to a student-centered, proficiency-based approach in their world language programs.



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