



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



presents:

Checkpoint B Proficiency Assessment Guidance and Item Writing Workshops (Summer 2025)

NYSED OBEWL is sponsoring a two-day, in-person workshop in each of nine regions in New York State to support NYS world language educators to understand and apply the [Principles and Guidelines for Adopting or Creating Locally Developed Benchmark Assessments for Checkpoint B \(Modern Languages other than ASL\)](#). This document provides guidance to Local Educational Agencies and regional and statewide consortia for the creation of Checkpoint B Benchmark Assessments for Modern Languages aligned to the revised NYS Learning Standards for World Languages. Successful performance on a Checkpoint B Benchmark Assessment in tandem with passing the Checkpoint B course sequence fulfills the world language requirement of the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. Checkpoint B Benchmark Assessments must be aligned to the revised standards for the June 2027 administration. Workshop presenters will explain the guidelines outlined in the aforementioned document and will guide participants in designing assessment items that adhere to these guidelines. A member of the World Language Executive Committee will lead each workshop: Dr. Joanne O'Toole, Bill Heller, and Dr. Lori Langer de Ramírez. All workshops will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a one-hour lunch on your own.

Capital region - Thursday, July 10th - Friday, July 11th - Questar III BOCES (10 Empire State Blvd., Castleton-On-Hudson, NY 12033)

Hudson Valley region - Tuesday, July 8th - Wednesday, July 9th - PNW BOCES (200 BOCES Dr, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598)

Long Island region - Monday, July 14th - Tuesday, July 15th (Location to be determined)

Mid-State region - Tuesday, July 22nd - Wednesday, July 23rd - OCM BOCES (110 Elwood Davis Rd, Liverpool, NY 13088)

Mid-West region - Monday, June 30th - Tuesday, July 1st - Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES (3599 Big Ridge Rd., Spencerport, NY 14559)

New York City region - Wednesday, July 16th - Thursday, July 17th - Fordham University - Bronx Campus (2691 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10458)

Northern NY region - Thursday, July 24th - Friday, July 25th - Jefferson-Lewis BOCES (20104 Arsenal St, Watertown, NY 13601) A satellite in-person venue located at the North Franklin Educational Center (23 Huskie Ln, Malone, NY 12953) is also offered for Northern NY teachers wishing to connect to the Watertown workshop.

Southern Tier region - Thursday, August 7th - Friday, August 8th - BT BOCES, Johnson City Learning Center (500 Main St, Johnson City, NY 13790)

Western NY region - Tuesday, August 5th - Wednesday, August 6th - Southside Elementary School (Buffalo PS, 430 Southside Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14210)

Participants must commit to attending both days in full. 8 hours of CTLE credit are offered.

Registration process: All participants must pre-register for these workshops using the **NYSED registration form**. (Please note that using your school's internal system, such as Frontline, does **not** register you for these workshops.) 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. Pre-registration will close by Friday, June 20, 2025, or whenever the individual venues reach capacity; there will be no same-day registration. **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/zs3or2q0cm7nro/>

For more information on professional learning webinars for world language educators, please visit our website: <http://www.nysed.gov/world-languages/professional-learning>

Workshop presenters:

Dr. Joanne O'Toole is a Professor of Modern Language Education in the Curriculum and Instruction Department at SUNY Oswego. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the NYSED World Languages Content Advisory Panel and the Principal Investigator of the NYS World Language Standards Initiative. Joanne has served in several world language leadership positions including NYSAFLT President and NECTFL Director, and is a regular presenter at national, regional, state, and local conferences. Joanne is a certified teacher of Spanish and taught Spanish for 16 years prior to entering post-secondary education.



Bill Heller has taught in public elementary, secondary, community college and undergraduate classrooms for 40 years, including 24 years teaching Spanish at Perry High School. He has been a methods and Spanish instructor at SUNY Geneseo since 2001. He is a frequent presenter of workshops, webinars and keynotes. Bill served as Conference Chair for the 2018 Northeast Conference (NECTFL) and is currently a member of the Executive Board and Content Advisory Panel for World Languages at the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

Dr. Lori Langer de Ramirez began her language teaching career as a teacher of Spanish, French and ESL. She holds a Master's Degree in Applied Linguistics and a Doctorate in Curriculum and Teaching from Teachers College, Columbia University. She is currently the Director of World and Classical Languages & Global Language Initiatives at the Dalton School in New York City. Lori is the author of books, texts and articles about language teaching and learning and multicultural education. She presents workshops at local, regional and national conferences and works with teachers in schools throughout the U.S. and around the world. Her



website (www.miscositas.com) offers free materials for teaching Chinese, English, French, and Spanish.