

THE CALIFORNIA FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROJECT

The California Foreign Language Project (CFLP) is a California Subject Matter Project (CSMP) professional development program designed to strengthen foreign language instruction at every level of California's educational system. The project sponsors a network of nine regional projects for a total of eleven sites that are responsible for hosting professional development programs for language educators in their respective areas. These programs support teachers over time and expose them to new developments in the field. The fundamental goal of this effort is to improve the overall communication skills of foreign language students while enhancing their understanding of other cultures.

CFLP regional sites offer year-round professional development programs for teachers, including institutes in the summer and professional development series during the school year. Moreover, sites sponsor leadership development programs that enable participants to become more intensively involved in advancing California's language teaching reform efforts. These initiatives also prepare teachers to assume leadership positions in their schools and districts, and to lead professional development activities for their colleagues.

Each of the CFLP sites is staffed by a director who collaborates with a faculty advisor from the hosting campus. Additionally, each site is supported by a local leadership team composed of teacher leaders who have demonstrated expertise and leadership in designing and implementing professional development programs.

All of the CFLP sites have established partnerships with low-performing districts and schools in order to strengthen the overall literacy skills of students and language programs in these schools, especially those designed for Heritage Speakers and English Language Learners. The projects are also responsible for assisting teachers to effectively use State Board adopted instructional materials with their students.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Since its inception, the CFLP has vigorously pursued the goal of challenging language professionals to improve and expand language programs in California and to promote foreign language education for all students. The Project aims to involve every language teacher in a supportive professional community that fosters leadership opportunities for promoting and advocating for the retention, expansion and articulation of foreign and heritage language offerings across educational levels, beginning in the elementary grades.

The Project's work is guided by a 15 member Advisory Board representing all major California educational institutions and a Faculty Advisor, Professor Amado Padilla, of the Stanford University School of Education. The Project co-sponsors the annual Summer Seminar for Foreign Language Teachers with the California Language Teachers Association, and has established a Support Group to assist with the preparation of California language educators who are pursuing National Board certification.



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