

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
World Language and Immersion District Contacts

FROM: Kristi D. Austin, PhD
Director, Office of Assessment and Standards

DATE: August 5, 2025

RE: Selection of the State Standards Review and Revision Committees for the *2019 South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for World Language Proficiency*

As part of the cyclical review process, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is organizing two committees to review and revise the *2019 South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for World Language Proficiency*. The first committee is the State Standards Review Committee. The second committee is the State Standards Revision Committees.

The Review Committee is charged with using current research and relevant resources to evaluate the current standards document and make recommendations for revisions to the Revision Committee.

The Revision Committee is charged with reviewing the recommendations from the Review Committee to assist in the development of a draft revised academic standards document aligned with research and best practices in the field to be approved for adoption by the State Board of Education.

We are asking for your assistance in identifying members for the State Standards Review and Revision Committees by sharing the following information with World Language and Immersion educators, department chairs, coaches, and the greater World Language education community. To be considered for the State Standards Review and/or Revision Committees, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Committee members must be recognized as leaders and/or experts in the field of World Language (e.g., have taught or supervised for at least three years).

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- Candidates must complete the [linked application](#); they can apply for one or both committees. It is advised that candidates review the application for important dates and necessary requirements prior to completing the form.

The Standards Review Committee is scheduled to meet in-person on October 3, 2025. Asynchronous review work will be required prior to participation. Lunch will be provided for the in-person meeting. Participants traveling from a distance of 10 miles or greater may be eligible to receive mileage reimbursement at the current state rate.

The Standards Revision Committee will hold its first meeting in-person on October 24, 2025. After the first meeting, the work will be done asynchronously with two synchronous check-ins and an anticipated final approval of standards in fall 2026. Eligible Revision Committee members will receive an honorarium for their services. Lunch will be provided for the in-person meeting. Participants traveling from a distance of ten miles or greater may be eligible to receive mileage reimbursement at the current state rate.

Selected applicants will receive an email invitation in September 2025 to serve on the Review and/or Revision Committees. Every effort will be made to ensure the demographic and geographic areas of the state are represented on both committees.

The [2025 World Language Review and Revision Committees Application](#) includes separate sections for the Review Committee and the Revision Committee. Applicants may choose to apply to one or both. The deadline to apply is **September 2, 2025**.

Thank you for assisting the SCDE with this task. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Dr. Rocío Zalba at rzalba@ed.sc.gov.