

## Michigan's World Language Requirement: Developing Authentic Assessments in Spanish and French



**Audience:**  
World Language  
Teachers (French  
and Spanish)

**Grade Level:**  
1st - 12th Grade

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The Michigan Merit Curriculum requires all students, beginning with the graduating class of 2016, to complete two credits of a world language other than English prior to graduation, or demonstrate a two-year equivalent proficiency. Districts need to design assessments to determine if students have achieved proficiency at the Novice High Level based on the American Council of the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines. The professional development sessions will focus on prototype assessments in Spanish and French.

### Objectives

In the session, participants will develop knowledge about the:

- world languages graduation requirement.
- criteria for Novice-Mid and Novice-High proficiency.
- proficiency-based assessments.
- prototype language assessment for Spanish & French.
- development of district assessments for world languages.

*Examples will be provided.*

**May 19, 2009**  
8:30 am – 3:30 pm  
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**May 28, 2009**  
8:30 am – 3:30 pm  
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**October 28, 2009**  
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