



New York State Association of World Language Administrators

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Dear Superintendent,

The New York State Association of World Language Administrators (NYSAWLA) is pleased to invite your district to participate in our FLACS Exam Consortium.

As New York State moves forward with its NY Inspires initiative, the landscape of high school graduation and assessment is evolving. The state's adoption of the Portrait of a Graduate, transition toward a single high school diploma and universal transcript, and planned decoupling of Regents examinations from graduation requirements reflect a broader emphasis on student achievement, demonstrated proficiency, and readiness for life beyond high school.

World language education plays an important role in this vision by fostering communication, cultural understanding, and global awareness. As graduation requirements evolve, NYSAWLA remains committed to supporting districts in assessing student proficiency and recognizing achievement in world languages.

To support districts in meeting current graduation requirements and maintaining high standards of language proficiency, NYSAWLA annually develops FLACS Checkpoint A and Checkpoint B examinations in American Sign Language, Chinese, French, German, Italian, and Spanish. Our examinations are administered in more than 200 schools throughout New York State.

Participation in the FLACS Exam Consortium provides districts with access to current and archived examinations, along with supporting materials and resources available through our website. Participating districts are also encouraged to contribute to the development of future examinations through our item-writing initiatives.

Districts are automatically enrolled in the consortium once a district representative joins NYSAWLA and the membership fee has been paid. All participating districts are required to follow the examination administration dates and security protocols established by NYSAWLA.

We invite you to explore our website for additional information regarding examination administration, scoring guidelines, and other consortium resources.

We look forward to welcoming your district to the consortium and continuing our shared commitment to excellence in world language education.

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@nysawla.org.

Sincerely,

The NYSAWLA Executive Board
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