The Status of World Language Education in New Jersey (Fall 2002)

Adoption of the Core Curriculum Content Standards in 1996
-K-8 mandate
- Statewide Assessment Program

Implementation: Projects and Initiatives

1. World Languages Curriculum Framework
- Resource and guide for school districts

2. Professional Development/Capacity Building

   GOALSGOALS 2000 Grant: $860,000 for the development of four regional institutes 1999-2001

   NJDOE/Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey Professional Development Collaborative initiated in 2000 providing year long workshops throughout the state

   NJDOE/NJPSA Professional Development Partnership for world languages supervisors initiated in 2000


   - Parent training ongoing
   - T-Teach-Teacher training ongoing 100 Hour Model for World Languages (discussed in the Foreign Language Annals Summer 2000)
   - Elementary Curriculum Development Project
   - 2002-2002 Special-2002 Specialized Summer Institute for K-8 Teachers from small school districts

   Regional Roundtable Meetings of Supervisors of World Languages
   - Supervisor-specific training
   - Novice High School Curriculum Project
   - Model Programs Initiative (7 districts recognized for 2002-04)

   Higher Education Seminar Series on Teacher Preparation in world Languages
   - First seminar initiated in 2000
   - Recent-Recent Seminar V held at Kean on designing a model world languages methods course

   Ongoing Technical Assistance to Districts Statewide
3. Other Initiatives

**Foreign Embassy Initiatives**
- MOU-MOU with F-MOU with French Government (Immersion prog-MOU scholarships)
- MOUs-MOU's under discussion with Italy (Italian Elementary School Grants) and Spain

**Collaboration with Office of ESL/Bilingual**
- Development of options for implementing graduation requirement for LEP students
- Dual Language Day 2/25
- Second Language Model Programs Initiative

**World Languages Homepage**
- [www.state.nj.us/njded/worldlanguages](http://www.state.nj.us/njded/worldlanguages)

**Teacher Recruitment**
- Annual World Languages Teacher Recruitment Days
- Visiting International Faculty
- Conditional Certification

**Legislative Actions**
- Senate, No. 1625 (Sacco and Adler) - Proposed a K-12 Moratorium
- Assembly, No. 2466 (Impreveduto) Bill not released by Assembly Ed.Com.

4. Critical Implementation Issues

**District Accountability**
- Monitoring monitoring must ensure that schools, at all grade levels, are in compliance with the code

**Assessment and Reporting of Results**
- Current
- Proposed: The CREATE Project

**Common Misperceptions about Second Language Learning**
- Only academically capable students have the ability to learn a second language
- Only college-bound students will find the study of a second language useful
- Early language learning programs are a curricular frill and take valuable time away from developing literacy and math skills
- Elementary programs meeting once a week suffice to meet the standard and will satisfy state monitoring requirements

**High School Graduation Requirements**
- Moratorium
What next?

November 17-18 Meeting of all Stakeholders
State Board Adoption of Revised Standards and new Graduation Requirements

The Vision

All Students
Well-Articulated Sequences K-16