

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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Division of Teaching and Learning ServicesDeadline:June 28, 2024

Dual Language Immersion and World Languages Model Program Applications Open

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is accepting applications from local educational agencies (LEAs) wishing to be designated as Dual Language Immersion and World Languages Model Programs for the 2025-2027 cohort. LEAs or schools designated as model program sites will serve as regional resource centers for LEAs and enable educators to witness exemplary second language acquisition practices.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of experts in the field of Dual Language Immersion and World Languages to select finalists. LEAs or school programs selected as finalists must participate in a site or virtual visit. From the site or virtual visit, LEAs and/or schools selected as model programs will be recognized at a ceremony in April 2025.

Key Steps/Actions

The Model Program application and directions for completion may be accessed on the <u>New Jersey Student Learning</u> <u>Standards – World Languages website</u>. **The deadline to submit applications is June 28, 2024**. LEAs and schools previously designated as model programs are encouraged to reapply and highlight how access and learning opportunities have been expanded.

Contact Information

For more information or questions, please contact the NJDOE's World Languages Coordinator at worldlang@doe.nj.gov or (609) 376-3628.

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