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**Subject: Message #77/140: Online PD for Foreign Language Teachers**

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**To: [adecurriculum@lists.state.ar.us](mailto:adecurriculum@lists.state.ar.us)**

**From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit**

Dear Arkansas Curriculum Leaders and Educators,

In preparation for the 2018 revision of the Arkansas Foreign Language Standards, all foreign language teachers and other interested teachers or administrators are invited to participate in a special online professional development course. This course will last approximately twelve weeks, and will cover topics such as the current status of foreign language instruction in Arkansas, theories of language acquisition, personalized learning, efforts in other states and content areas, and ideas for the future. Participants will be asked to review materials related to each topic and participate in discussion boards relating to the topics. A PD certificate will be provided to participants who complete the online course.

The goal is to have as many foreign language teachers as possible participate in this stage of the revision. Participation in this online work will help determine the membership of the official revision committee that will meet this summer, in addition to informing the decisions that the official committee makes. However, participation in the online PD does not require teachers to commit to participate on the committee this summer, nor does it guarantee them a spot on that committee.

To join the online course, please sign up at <https://canvas.instructure.com/enroll/CP6J6J>

For questions about this course or the revision process, please contact David Nance at [david.nance@arkansas.gov](mailto:david.nance@arkansas.gov) or (501)683-4905

*Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.*

