South Dakota World Language Association

2027 SDWLA Conference
"World Language 101"
April 24
South Dakota State University | Brookings
Call for Proposals

SDWLA Conference

The SDWLA conference is a professional development opportunity in the state that is specific to language teaching. Typically, it offers a variety of opportunities to engage with world language teaching in the state of South Dakota: language-specific associations, networking opportunities, meetings, and multiple breakout sessions. Sessions feature South Dakota world language professionals and instructors who present their research, methods, and tried-and-true activities for the language classroom. Simply put, the SDWLA conference provides a place to connect, share, and celebrate the experiences and expertise of world language instructors in the state.

South Dakota World Language Association (SDWLA)

Aimed at K-16 world language teachers, our organization seeks to :

- promote the study of world languages at all levels of public and private education within the state of South Dakota
- advocate for the study of world languages, cultures and literature
- maintain contacts with state and national agencies that have decision-making roles regarding world languages
- sustain an active program of professional development for teachers of world languages

Call for proposals

The theme of this year's conference is "World Language 101." The aim is to provide conference participants with a plethora of teaching ideas. Participants should leave the conference feeling energized and equipped with innovative tools to continue providing successful world language education.

In particular, the SDWLA Conference seeks proposals on specific pedagogies/methods/activities/projects that have proven to be successful in enhancing communicative language skills in world language teaching. Especially welcome are presentations that apply to multiple languages and levels and that include assessment data to show the promise of a given method.

SDWLA members are invited to submit proposals for individual and group presentations, papers, and sessions that provide ideas on the successful teaching of world languages. Potential topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Communication (interpersonal and presentational)
- Culture and comparisons
- Connecting with communities
- Connecting to other disciplines
- Intercultural competence
- Public-Facing world language teaching
- Technology: Apps and media
- Online teaching
- Service and experiential learning

Submission Deadline	**Length**	**Email proposals to any address below.**	**Notifications sent by**
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