

Elementary Foreign Language Program Resource List

Personal development of languages:

- **FL Readings: Hot Topics** (<http://www.nclrc.org/readings/hottopics.html#profdev>)
About half-way through this page begins a list of articles directed at understanding how you can best learn a second language.
- **Rotary International Study Abroad Scholarship Opportunities** (<http://www.studyabroad.com/forum/rotary/rotary.html>) “Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship is for either three or six months of intensive language training and cultural immersion”
- **Holbrook Travel** (<http://www.holbrooktravel.com/>)
Offers specific travel opportunities for teacher groups that can be designed to meet language and culture learning needs
- **Fluency Fast** (<http://www.fluencyfast.com/>)
Four day program (\$149 total for the program) with regularly scheduled programs in Colorado, Vermont, Iowa, Minnesota, Tennessee, Illinois, California, Texas and Florida.

Professional Elementary (or K-16) FL Educational Organizations:

- **American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages** (<http://www.actfl.org>) Home site for the national organization dedicated to the improvement and expansion of the teaching and learning of all languages at all levels of instruction throughout the U.S.
- **National Network for Early Language Learning** (<http://www.nnell.org/>)
An educational community providing leadership in support of successful early language learning and teaching
- **Nebraska Language Organizations** (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/forlg/StateOrganizationsMain.htm>)
NDE World Languages provides the links for NE state FL organizations
- **National Language Organizations** (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/forlg/NationalOrganizationsMain.html>)
NDE World Languages provides links for national FL organizations

Teaching Resource Sites (instructional materials, lesson plans, etc.)

- **Enchanted Learning** (<http://www.littleexplorers.com/themes/spanish.shtml>)
A multitude of downloadable documents such as vocab books, vocab matching activities, and quizzes. There is a yearly site fee of \$20.00.
- **FL Teach** (<http://www.cortland.edu/flteach/>)
Comprehensive website with lesson plans, blogs, ideas, and resources.
- **Ñandutí** (<http://www.cal.org/earlylang>)
Excellent resource on foreign language learning in grades K-8: Frequently Asked Questions, Foreign Language Standards, Resources for early language learning, Model Programs, and Teacher Development.

- **Teach Spanish.com** (<http://www.teachspanish.com/>)
An established global community for Spanish language teaching professionals; lesson plans, ideas for improving your Spanish, and community forums.
- **Lesson Plans For Teachers** (<http://www.lessonplans4teachers.com/foreign.php>)
- **Center for Applied Linguistic Resources Guide**
(<http://www.cal.org/resources/faqs/RGOs/fles.html>) Comprehensive and easy to navigate listing of multiple resources for the language program
- **NDE World Languages** (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/forlg/>)
- **Spanish Resources** (<http://polyglot.lss.wisc.edu/lss/lang/spanish.html>)
Easy to navigate site designed by University of Wisconsin; Comprehensive list of web site resources

Assessment Information:

- **Database of K-12 FL Assessment Instruments**
(<http://www.cal.org/CALWebDB/FLAssess/>) Searchable and comprehensive database that lends insights into the various FL proficiency assessments that exist
- **Teaching Materials: Assessment Tools**
(<http://www.nclrc.org/materials/assessment.html>) National Capital Language Resource Center Site provides the how, what, when, and why of assessment in the FL classroom
- **FL Readings: Hot Topics**
(<http://www.nclrc.org/readings/hottopics.html#profdev>) About ¾ of the way through this site, you will find a section addressing FL assessment that touches on everything from developing rubrics to using portfolios in the FL classroom.
- **Quia** (www.Quia.com)
Language test generator that sends grades directly to teacher after students take the assessment on-line. There is a yearly fee for use.
- **StudySpanish.com** (www.studyspanish.com)
Teachers can configure the site in such a way that all student information is sent to him/her.
- **Puzzlemaker.com** (www.puzzlemaker.com)
Not a language specific site, but it is a free site on which teachers can design printable games for students. All that needs to be done is to enter words in Spanish/French/German rather than in English. It's free!

Interactive Sites for Student Use (or teacher professional development)

- **Studyspanish.com** (www.studyspanish.com)
Site that offers practice with vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and more. No fee for use of the site.
- **Universal Currency Converter** (<http://www.xe.net/ucc/full.shtml>)
- **Inspiration Software (Kidspiration)** (www.inspiration.com)
Download the interactive graphic organizer program for a free 30 day trial.
- **WebQuest** (<http://webquest.org/>)
Searchable site of pre-designed interactive lessons for students.

- **Transparent Language** (<http://www.transparent.com/games/index.htm>)
While this site is advertising its product, there are several games that are free for teacher and student use

Articles and Statistics about Language Learning

- **Center for Applied Linguistic Resources Guide** (<http://www.cal.org/>)
Comprehensive site that provides a wealth of resources
- **National K-12 Foreign Language Resource Center** (<http://nflrc.iastate.edu/>)
Comprehensive site that provides educators with an overview of what is happening on the FL research front and offers resources developed for the FL classroom teacher

Example Elementary FL Programs

- **FL Curricula for Elementary Schools: An Annotated Collection**
(<http://www.cal.org/resources/faqs/RGOs/flescurricula.html>) Provides 8 districts' curricula for the Elementary FL programs. Some are free and downloadable; others will be mailed to you for a small fee (\$5.00 total)

Marketed FL Products:

- **Salsa Video Program** (<http://www.gpb.org/public/education/salsa/>)
A video program that offers pre-tutorials for teachers, activity guides, and activity extensions that accompany the video/DVD product. Cost is \$1,100 for the DVD set with accompanying activities.
- **Santillana** (<http://www.santillanausa.com/>)
Offices throughout Europe and Latin America collaborate to offer the very best culture and creativity from the Hispanic world
- **Teachers Discovery: Elementary Spanish** (<http://www.teachersdiscovery.com/>)
- **Applause Learning Resources** (www.applauselearning.com)
Request a catalogue online or call 1-800-277-5287.
- **McGraw Hill Wright Group: Viva el español** (www.WrightGroup.com)
Complete, comprehensive elementary FL program texts and materials