

OFLA Committee Report, 2019-2020

Secondary Language Learning

Chair: Maureen Gerber

Committee Members: Kerry Parker, Denise Broda, Alexis Blum

This year, the committee has:

- a. finalized the suggested Principal's Rubric for OTES, tailored specifically for World Language and had it approved by OFLA. It is now on the OFLA site
- b. written together an article for The Cardinal with information about the STAMP and AAPPL tests in order for students to attain the Seal of Biliteracy. We collaborated on the article together and shared ideas and personal experiences in an attempt to help and encourage teachers.

As chair, I have:

- a. written an article for the fall "Cardinal" with teaching tips for a difficult topic for many teachers of French and Spanish---use of the past tenses in a narrative. This is an especially important topic since it represents a key strength needed by students to move from Intermediate-mid to Intermediate High / Advanced, and also with the trends toward CI and story-telling.
- b. contributed a dozen or so websites to the OFLA document designed to help teachers during the COVID 19 crisis
- c. prepared a presentation for OFLA on the teaching of the past tenses in tandem that I expect I'll use in 2021

and

- d. hosted Kathy Shelton at my school district for a NW Ohio all-day workshop on Learning Differentiation