



**Proposal for Professional Learning Partnership
Promoting Oral Proficiency in the World Language Classroom
Union Public Schools
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Overview

Up the Bar partners with school districts to strengthen instructional practices and support educators in creating engaging learning experiences for students. As world language instruction evolves, districts are shifting away from traditional grammar-focused teaching toward approaches that emphasize communication, fluency, and authentic language use.

This one-day professional learning session will support Union Public Schools' world language teachers in implementing strategies that promote oral proficiency, student interaction, and meaningful language use in the classroom.

Scope of Services

1-Day Professional Learning Session

This interactive session will focus on practical strategies that help students develop confidence and fluency in the target language.

Topics include:

- Shifting from grammar-driven instruction to communication-centered teaching
- Increasing opportunities for student talk and interaction
- Designing activities that promote oral language proficiency and engagement

Outcomes

- Increased student participation in the target language
- Greater emphasis on communication and fluency
- Instruction aligned with modern world language practices

Investment

- \$2,750 for 1 day of professional learning