

## SOME ADVOCACY TOOLS AND RESOURCES

### CHALLENGE YOUR DEPARTMENT TO CREATE HIGHER STANDARDS:

Check out the ACTFL Position Papers on best practices: <http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4368>.  
Download this great booklet on Planning and Evaluating Highly Successful Foreign Language Programs: [www.PearsonSchool.com/EndInMind](http://www.PearsonSchool.com/EndInMind) .

### PUSH FOR ELEMENTARY FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING IN YOUR DISTRICT:

Join the National Network on Early Language Learning (NNELL): [www.nnell.org](http://www.nnell.org) .  
Read Curtain, Helena and Carol Ann Dahlberg Languages and Children: Making the Match, New Languages for Young Learners K-8. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Allyn and Bacon, 2008.

### INVOLVE YOUR SCHOOL IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK OR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK:

Get ideas from ACTFL's Discover Languages Campaign:  
<http://www.discoverlanguages.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4216> .  
Have your students participate in your state organization's student contests and awards.

### DISTRIBUTE A FLIER:

Why learn another language brochure: [http://www.adfl.org/resources/lang\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.adfl.org/resources/lang_brochure.pdf) .  
Why study languages in college brochure: [http://www.mla.org/pdf/adfl\\_brochcollege.pdf](http://www.mla.org/pdf/adfl_brochcollege.pdf) .  
How we can all help foster multilingualism: [http://www.cal.org/resources/pubs/multilingual\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.cal.org/resources/pubs/multilingual_brochure.pdf) .

### SHOW A VIDEO ON THE BENEFITS OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE LEARNING:

Show it to your students, the parents, the administration and the community:  
Did you know? <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpI1fNSk8m0>  
A Case for the Study of Foreign Languages as a Required Core Subject:  
<http://www.celebratelanguages.com/research.html>

### TOUT THE BENEFITS OF BILINGUALISM:

Downloadable sheet to post in your classroom about myths and misconceptions about bilingual children:  
<http://www.multilingualliving.com/2011/06/08/12-common-myths-and-misconceptions-about-bilingual-children/>  
Article on the benefits of bilingualism:  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/delia-lloyd/bilingual-education\\_b\\_1007760.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/delia-lloyd/bilingual-education_b_1007760.html)

### DISCUSS NATIONAL ENROLLMENT TRENDS AND LANGUAGE OFFERING DATA:

Read Rhodes, Nancy C. and Ingrid Pufahl, Foreign Language Teaching in US Schools: Results of a National Survey, (2010). Center for Applied Linguistics, Washington DC. (ISBN 978-0-87281-006-8)  
(<http://www.cal.org/resources/publications.html> )

Read Foreign Language Enrollments in K-12 Public Schools: Are Students Prepared for a Global Society? (2010). Alexandria, VA: American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. (ISBN 978-0-615-40827-9)  
(<http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=5231> )