
DLO DAILY MEDIA UPDATE

CURRENT NEWS 18 MAY 2011

Navy releases new Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus Program directive

(Department of Navy Issuances)

On 16 May Navy released a revision to its Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus (FLPB) Program via OPNAV Instruction 72270.7F. The instruction is the primary information source for Navy and Navy Reserve personnel regarding the FLPB.

Vietnamese parents try to develop their kids into prodigies

(Vietnamnet Bridge/Tien Phong)

Parents in Vietnam nowadays are going out of their way to provide days filled with learning opportunities to include learning English and foreign languages like Chinese. Are the strict schedules for children as young as 3 or 4 too much?

Area schools adapting to meet new foreign language requirements by state

(The Ogemaw County Herald/Matt Keeton)

Schools in Michigan are adapting to the Michigan Merit Curriculum established in 2006. Beginning with the Class of 2016, all students must complete two credits of world language other than English prior to graduation.

Economy prompts TN schools to increase Chinese classes

(Asheville's Homepage Citizen-Times.com/Julie Hubbard)

Schools in Tennessee are adding opportunities to learn Chinese. Chinese is the next big economy and competition and jobs will be available for those people who can speak the language. Additionally, the Chinese government is supporting this movement through the Confucius Institute.

Support for College and University Students for Language Study

(National Foreign Language Center – University of Maryland)

Need to know how your college aged student can learn a foreign language, be part of an immersion program or get some job related experience? Check out this website to see how DoD, CIA, NSA, DoS, Department of Education and non-government programs can provide such opportunities.

PREVIOUS NEWS

Arabic language program based at MSU featured in national publication

(Montana State University)

The U.S. Arabic Distance Learning Network was featured in the May 3 issue of the national weekly publication with the story "[A Teaching Network Brings Arabic to the Heartland.](#)" Headquartered in MSU's Office of International Programs, the program offers Arabic language instruction at eight universities in seven states: Missouri, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania and South Carolina, as well as MSU. It pairs videoconference instruction with in-classroom teaching by native Arabic speakers, and is thought to be one of a kind, according to Yvonne Rudman, the MSU-based manager of the program since its inception in 1998.

Students Get to Experience Cultures at Language Day

(Fox 35/Kion 46) ...Candice Nguyen

The next great United States ambassador may be found in Monterey Friday. The Defense Language Institute on the Presidio of Monterey is hosting Language Day that invites thousands of students across California to experience different languages and cultures from around the world. "What's so important

about language day is an opportunity to bring the community and especially younger people and students into the Defense Language Institute to experience cultures first hand and from native people. That's different performances and cultures they may never get to experience at any other times in their lives," said First Lt. Scott Ghiringhelli.

Language Day at the Defense Language Institute

(The Californian.com)

Pictures of the recently held Language Day at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. Through the day's various performances and ethnic cuisine, over 4,000 students from the DLI and local high schools experienced the sights, sounds and tastes from around the globe. The annual event is meant to showcase the DLI and the 23 different cultures and languages currently taught at the school.

Area schools adapting to meet new foreign language requirements by state

(The Ogemaw County Herald)...Matt Keeton

The Michigan Merit curriculum guideline states that, "The State Board of Education expects all students, beginning with the graduating class of 2016, to complete two credits of a world language other than English prior to graduation, or demonstrate a two-year equivalent proficiency." Brunner said that, in the WB-RC school district, Spanish and French classes are available at the high school level, while Spanish classes are available to middle school students. "What we have done is put this in place for our middle school students," Brunner said. "Students who do not meet the requirements in middle school need two years (of foreign language in high school)."

Hacienda Heights school celebrates multiculturalism with dual immersion program

(sgvtribute.com)...Juliette Funes

Students at Wedgeworth Elementary School are getting a special lesson in Chinese culture. As the only school in the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District to have a dual immersion program, Wedgeworth was visited last Friday by volunteers from the Culture Center at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. The volunteers treated the four Chinese-English dual language classes to a session to help them gain a better understanding of Taiwan. "The purpose is to have kids, in addition to learning the language, learn the cultural meaning behind it," said Tim Cheng, coordinator of the El Monte-based center. "Culture is the most important aspect... to mastering the language."

Fairfield Schools May Lose World Language Classes

(The Daily Fairfield)...Greg Canuel

The hardest hit department would be world languages. French and Chinese classes at the high schools would be condensed, and middle school and elementary school classes would be cut back. For sixth grade, Spanish classes would be held only three days per week instead of every day. Elementary schools would also have half the Spanish classes they now have, cut from 100 minutes per week to 50. The decision also means that six foreign language teachers would be laid off.

Special pay, bonuses still available for some

(ArmyTimes)...Jim Tice

Included in the special pay menu is a pilot program that authorizes foreign language proficiency bonuses for Special Forces, psychological operations, civil affairs and 75th Ranger Regiment soldiers who maintain minimum proficiency in priority languages. Monthly bonuses for soldiers who score 1/1 on the Defense Language Aptitude Test range from \$25 to \$100 per language and are capped at \$200 for the pilot program. Total language payments under the pilot and the regular foreign language pay program cannot exceed \$1,000 per month.

ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL FOREIGN AREA OFFICER (FAO) REGIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICER (RAO) MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY (MOS) BY THE FY11 2ND QUARTER FAO-RAO EXPERIENCE TRACK SELECTION PANEL

(Marines.mil)

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