

My Professional Goals

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My short-term goal is to reform my lesson plans of all levels, from level 1 to AP. I will use the old materials as my raw materials and gradually design new lesson plans to facilitate students' learning through the immersion style, the communicative teaching approach, and content-based and task-based instruction. In my new lesson plans, I will increase student-centered activities, following each teacher scaffolding, to maximize students' speaking opportunities. I have come to realize that this is the best way to go, especially for my very large class of forty-eight students.

My short-term goal is indeed a big revolution. I will put my old files in a big folder, named "Prehistoric Time". I will need a couple years to achieve my short-term goal, but by the end of the next school year, I shall have the rudimentary skeleton of the reform of my curriculum.

My long-term goal is to help establish or make good contributions to a strong collaboration network with other Chinese language teachers so we can grow together in wisdom, not in wrinkles. I hope, besides teaching, Chinese teachers will have enough time and energy to enjoy their lives with their families.