

Professional Goals

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Being a teacher of Chinese as a second language, my professional goals are to keep equipping myself with the top-notch knowledge and up-to-date pedagogy. As I said in my post- reminiscences, I have been looking for resources related to use authentic material via effective strategies to facilitate the immersion instruction of Chinese language. I feel that I am more confident and better equipped through 2012 VSCTA. I hope that starting from 2012-2013 school year I am able to produce a couple of thematic units of varied scales and levels annually. Confucius describes himself as “发愤忘食，乐以忘忧，不知老之将至云尔。” His words have been constantly inspiring me. Over time students’ accomplishments and feedback, professional development, self-expectations and strong on-campus and off-campus collegiality continuously help me develop into an effective teacher. I am proud and plan to maintain being so.

I also serve as the chair of the Chinese Department at Middlesex School. To promote the department while keeping good relationships with other departments is an art, and I will continue to seek for wisdom to handle things professionally. Every year I attend language conferences of varied scales, for example ACTFL and NECTA – New England Chinese Teacher Association, to promote Chinese Language teaching. AP Chinese Reading is another off-campus professional development event that I have participated since 2007, and I will serve for College Board and ETS again when I receive their invitations. Last, but not least, as a current board member of CLASS (Chinese Language Associations of Secondary & Elementary Schools) I will make time and efforts to keep contributing to the good causes of CLASS.