

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TRAVEL REQUEST

NOTE: See LCSD Board Policy GBCF: Work-Related Travel for all requirements.

Name(s) of Attendees: Nicole Hidalgo, Kathryn Doggett, Dylan Robello-Mayes, Josh Nuñez, Edgar Castillo, Jasmine Hidalgo-Gates, Lauren Broughten, Aliyah Diaz, Kathleen Leach

SCHOOL: Silver Stage High School

NAME OF CONFERENCE: American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages  
(Do Not Use Acronyms)

(ATTACH conference program information and provide website address)

CITY/STATE OF CONFERENCE: San Antonio, Texas

DATE OF DEPARTURE: 11/19/26


DATE OF RETURN: 11/22/26

Training/Travel/Conference is (check all that apply):  
Mandated by the state  Mandated by the district   
Needed for certification/licensing  Related to the District Performance Plan   
Performance Plan  Related to our School   
Related to a specific program/course  Other

Provide a detailed description below of the focus of the conference, and how attending will have a positive impact on climate, culture, and student learning.

The focus of the 2026 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Convention and Expo is to provide professional development for language educators, with an emphasis on innovative and inclusive programs, emerging trends, and research-informed practices. The Silver Stage High School Spanish IV students have the opportunity to present their research on community sustainability at this conference. These students conducted interviews, surveys, and observations to determine what responsible production and consumption is, and what we can do to improve the sustainable production and consumption practices in Silver Springs. This will have a positive impact on school climate, culture, and student learning. As one of the youth presenters states, "It inspires other students in my school to work harder, because they see that even as a small town, we have big opportunities. For me personally, this will be a good opportunity by challenging and pushing my public speaking skills, teaching me how to effectively present and discuss solvable problems, and inspiring me to strive to further advocate for improved sustainable communities." This is a unique opportunity for these students because they are positioned as experts, teaching a national audience of language educators about the relationship between language acquisition, global learning, and youth action research.

TRAVEL APPROVED: Date 5/5/2026



Site administrator or supervisor signature

TRAVEL APPROVED: Date 5/5/26



Superintendent or designee signature

District Office Use Only

Received by District Office

Date: 5/5/26

Board Approved: Yes ( ) No ( )

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure that you read and comply with Lyon County School District Policy GBCF: Work-Related Travel when completing this form and submitting for reimbursable items. Properly mark the funding source of the travel.

**ESTIMATED EXPENSES**

If funded by a grant or other, specify grant/other name here: This trip is fully funded by a Responsive

	Total	District Office	Grant	School Site	Other
BUDGET# <u>N/A</u> Registration Fees: <u>Attendees</u> x <u>1</u> <u>Reg. fee</u> \$	<u>395</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET# <u>N/A</u> Travel By: <u>Air \$566 x 9</u> \$ (Air, district car, private car for personal convenience, etc.)	<u>5,097</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET# <u>N/A</u> Lodging: Room rate \$ <u>170 x 3</u> x <u>3</u> nights \$	<u>1,530</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(Use GSA ratings for lodging and meals <a href="http://www.gsa.gov">www.gsa.gov</a> ATTENDEE WILL OWE DIFFERENCE if applicable) <u>lodging receipts must be obtained and sent to District Office upon return.</u>					
Meals: Breakfast \$ <u>20</u> x <u>4</u> days \$	<u>80</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lunch \$ <u>22</u> x <u>4</u> days \$	<u>88</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dinner \$ <u>33</u> x <u>3</u> days \$	<u>99</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Incidental \$ <u>5</u> x <u>4</u> days \$	<u>20</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Substitutes: # of Days <u>2</u> x \$ <u>105</u> /day	<u>210</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other transportation fees: (i.e. car rental, taxi, shuttle, parking, mileage to/from airport, etc.)	<u>100</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Miscellaneous expenses: (attach explanation)	<u>0</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>7,619</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**\*\*FAILURE TO COMPLETE ANY PART OF THIS FORM WILL RESULT IN THE FORM BEING RETURNED AND/OR TRAVEL DENIED.**

## Conference Information

Conference Dates & Times:	11/20/26(7:15am)-11/22/26(12:00pm)
Name of where conference/training is being held (i.e. Hotel, School, College, Convention Center):	Henry B. González Convention Center

## Airline Information

Note: Conference registration and travel arrangements will only be made after school board approval. Only airfare, lodging, and conference registration are eligible for payment prior to traveling. All other expenses will be reimbursed after travel per LCSD Policy GBCF: Work-Related Travel.

Attach your preferred and most economical flight schedule (i.e. Southwest, Delta, United, etc.)

Date & Time you wish to DEPART:	11/19/26 8:00 am
Date & Time you wish to RETURN:	11/22/26 1:50 pm
List any special notes here:	

Are you renting a car?  Yes  No How many days?

Note: Car insurance should be declined as the district insurance provides adequate coverage.

## Lodging Information

Note: Lodging must be made by Attendee or Site for purchase order payments only. No district office credit card charges.

Lodging GSA (Per Diem Rate) : \$157 All travelers agree to share lodging as appropriate?  Yes  No

Register under what name(s)?

Nicole Hidalgo

Name, Address, Phone number of lodging establishment:

Springhill Suites by Marriott San Antonio Alamo Plaza/Convention Center, 411 Bowie Street, San Antonio, Texas, USA, 78205, 1 210-222-2121

DEADLINE DATE : \_\_\_\_\_ Code Information: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Please furnish a copy of any information you have on the conference, workshop, training, etc. Please email travel request with SIGNATURES to Superintendent's office for approval.**

## Welcome to the 2026 ACTFL Convention and World Languages Expo!

[How to attend](#)



### Here's why you need to be at ACTFL 2026!

[Attend the 2026 ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo](#) in San Antonio, TX from Friday, November 20 through Sunday, November 22 at the **Henry B. González Convention Center**.

The ACTFL Convention is globally recognized as the most comprehensive professional development event for language educators in the U.S. This event offers learning opportunities for all language education professionals at all levels and from all languages.



**Come join the fun at ACTFL 2026**

#### Registration includes:

- Access to **more than 600 educational sessions** for all levels of instruction
- Entry to an **interactive exhibit hall featuring more than 200 companies**
- Featured learning experiences in the **AI Corner Classroom, Digital Learning Lounge, Electronic Posters, Career Café, Wellness Studio**, and many others
- An exciting Opening General Session with **Golden Globe winner Debbie Allen** and Closing General Session with the inspirational **Mychal-Bella Rayne Bowman**
- Free registration to **the best gathering at ACTFL 2026: SIGstravaganza!** Sponsored by Vista Higher Learning, this is the "must do" event of the Convention. **Registration is limited...act fast!**
- Opportunities to **connect and network with more than 6,000** language professionals
- You can experience all things ACTFL at **ACTFL Central** and meet our newest authors for book signings



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You won't want to miss the World Language event of the year! **We can't wait to see you in San Antonio...[register today!](#)**

ACTFL 2026: Session Acceptance Notification

External

Inbox



convention@actfl.org

Thu, Apr 23, 2:06 PM  
(7 days ago)

to me, s2003524, s2017962, s2053537

Dear Nicole,

Congratulations! We are pleased to notify you that your Session proposal, **3296 - Doc Your Block: Language Acquisition Through Youth Action Research Projects**, has been accepted for inclusion in the ACTFL program, November 20-22, 2026, at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas.

#### Registration Process

**ALL PRESENTERS MUST REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION by Friday, September 4, 2026**, or your presentation may be subject to cancellation! There is a special rate for presenters, but you must be an ACTFL member or one of the convention partner organizations listed below. You can enter this one-time promo code at the time of registering to receive this special rate. Please note that you will not be able to register at the full rate and then get a refund for the difference, so be sure you enter this one-time use promo code to get the special presenter registration rate: **SATTX26PRES. This code is only for presenters accepted via the Call for Proposals and is not to be shared with others.**

#### Membership

You and your co-presenters must be members of ACTFL or one of the following convention partner organizations: American Association of Teachers of Japanese, Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools, Chinese Language Teachers Association, or the Texas Foreign Language Association and paid through November 30, 2026. If you are not a member of ACTFL, you can join ACTFL by going to [www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org).

#### Session Presentation Format

Your Session presentation should be no more than 45 minutes in length, and you should

build in at least 10 minutes for Q&A from attendees. Sessions will take place in various meeting rooms of the convention center, and you will be provided with an AV package, including LCD projector, screen, speaker head table, and lectern microphone (if room size warrants).

### Session Schedule

In June, you will be notified via email with information on how the lead presenter of your group can access the Ready Room within the 2026 Convention website where they will find schedule information about your 45-minute Session and accept the Presenter Agreement on behalf of your group. Instructions on how to upload your handouts and presenter tips will also be shared.

You and your co-presenters must be prepared to present your Session on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday of the Convention. If you cannot accept the date and time assigned to you by the Convention Committee, please email [convention@actfl.org](mailto:convention@actfl.org) to cancel your presentation. We are not able to accept requests for a specific date and time. Please make sure the email address in your profile is accessible over the summer months so you will receive all messages.

### Changes to Your Presentation

After review and acceptance by the committee, no changes of a substantial nature may be made to your presentation. If there are changes in the presenter information (e.g. affiliation, e-mail address, cancellation, change of presenters, etc.), you need to cancel your presentation, or have any questions regarding your presentation, please email us at [convention@actfl.org](mailto:convention@actfl.org) immediately.

On behalf of the 2026 ACTFL Convention Committee, thank you for submitting your proposal and contributing to what we know will be a robust, informative, and exciting convention program. We look forward to your participation in the 2026 ACTFL Convention in San Antonio!

Thank you,  
ACTFL Convention Committee

# **From Language Learning to Global Action: Integrating Sustainable Development, Project-Based Learning, and Youth Inquiry**

## **Doc Your Block: Language Acquisition Through Youth Action Research Projects**

**Type:** Session

**Applicable Language:** Spanish

**Language of Presentation:** English

**Lead Presenter:** Nicole Hidalgo, Lyon County School District

**Additional Presenter(s):** Jasmine Gates, Aliyah Diaz, Dylan Robello-Mayes, Edgar Castillo, Katie Leach, Lauren Broughton, Josh Nuñez (Silver Stage High School)

**Submitter:** Nicole Hidalgo, Lyon County School District

**Content and Purpose:** Students in a rural high school Spanish classroom conducted a yearlong action research project investigating the sustainability of their school and community. Grounded in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, students conducted research, communicated, and collaborated using the target language, which resulted in a "mutually reinforcing" emphasis on their communicative skills and their global competency (ACTFL, 2015). When accompanied by high levels of support and task-specific teaching strategies, youth action research projects such as this help to foster skills and dispositions that are central to both language learning *and* global citizenship, including intercultural understanding, empathy, civic engagement, learner autonomy, reflection, and critical thinking.

**Outcomes:** Participants will be able to identify task-specific teaching strategies for implementing global learning projects in world language classrooms. Participants will be able to describe "global competency" with examples from a high school Spanish class. Participants will be able to analyze potential benefits and challenges of implementing global learning research projects in secondary world language classrooms.

**Strategies for Engagement:** This presentation will provide a brief description of the theoretical framework and research project the students conducted. It will present examples of the communicative tasks that students engaged in while preparing, implementing, and analyzing their research. It will then describe the students' research

findings, with an emphasis on daily actions students can take to move towards developing a more sustainable school and community. Participants will actively engage in this presentation by pre-assessing their knowledge of global competency in world language classrooms. The audience will rate their global competency by participating in a brief survey the students conducted in their own school and community. Finally, participants will self-assess their learning and plan for further growth in their own educational settings. The session will conclude with opportunities for questions from the audience.

**Program Guide Description:** A yearlong research project investigating the sustainability of the students' community demonstrates that "mutually reinforcing" communicative skills *and* global competency in the world language classroom can foster intercultural understanding, empathy, civic engagement, learner autonomy, reflection, and critical thinking.

**Audience Level:** Secondary

**Keywords:** Career, Community, or Global Connections

# Trip & Price Details

Price Passengers Seats Payment Confirmation

## ✈ Flight Modify

✈ Thu 11/19 # 2634 / 1591 **RNO** → **SAT** 5 hr 25 min 1 stop Choice  
 8:05 AM 3:30 PM

9 Passengers | Reserve your seats when booking

✈ Sun 11/22 # 2299 / 450 **SAT** → **RNO** 5 hr 50 min 1 stop Choice  
 10:00 AM 1:50 PM

9 Passengers | Reserve your seats when booking

Base fare 9 Passenger(s) **\$4,320.00**

Taxes and fees **\$777.60**

Flight total **\$5,097.60**

or from **\$499/mo\*** with Flexpay Learn more

### Helpful information:

- All fares and fare ranges are subject to change until purchased and are per person for each way of travel.
- For more information regarding Cash + Points, visit [Southwest.com/terms](https://southwest.com/terms)

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## **Funding for the Trip**

- This trip will be fully funded by community fundraising events and grants.
- The only expense to the school district will be paying for the cost of the substitute teacher to cover Mrs. Hidalgo's classes on 11/19/26 and 11/20/26.