



2019 IFLTA 2nd Vice President Candidate

Name: Amanda J Ramirez

Language(s) currently teaching: Japanese

Total number of years teaching: 11

Level(s) currently teaching (please choose all that apply):

_____ K-5 _____ 6-8 ___X___ 9-12 _____ Post-Secondary

Number of years as an IFLTA member (does not have to be consecutive years):

_____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 __X__ +5

Number of IFLTA conferences you have attended:

_____ 1 _____ 2-4 __X__ 5-9 _____ +10

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Explain in no more than 350 words why you are running for 2nd Vice President, the leadership positions you have had so far and achievements under your leadership, contributions and strengths you bring to IFLTA and the goals, events, professional advancement you plan for IFLTA if you are elected for this position.

Like other educators before me, I would like to be 2nd Vice President of IFLTA to contribute to World Language education in Indiana and support World Language educators. As a leader in my content area, I have worked on committees reviewing licensure tests for educators, as well as collaborated with colleagues on the most recent standards revision committee. I have facilitated professional development in my school district, in other districts, and most recently for the IDOE. I have also participated in the Indiana Language Roadmap discussions, and currently serve as president of the Association of Indiana Teachers of Japanese. If elected to this position, I wish to continue to increase professional development for educators, as well as advocate for world languages in the state of Indiana and beyond. I would like to strengthen the bonds between Indiana and other countries, the collaboration between K-12 and collegiate programs, and the relationships between our education programs and the international community in Indiana through events we currently host, as well as adding to them for special events.