



Teaching For Proficiency Institute

You are cordially invited by CT COLT and RIFLA to join us this June for an amazing two-day workshop to improve student proficiency. With many states working to get the Seal of Biliteracy passed or implemented, we have a wonderful opportunity to give the students recognition for their gains in proficiency. Now is the time for all World Language educators to come together to explore more opportunities for instruction and assessment that lead to proficiency gains. As teachers, we have a wonderful opportunity at this time and it is key that all programs reflect the shift to proficiency-based learning. To that end, we would like to invite our colleagues from around the NECTFL area to learn with us and explore the beautiful Mystic, CT area.

Presenter: Thomas Sauer

Dates: Mon. June 26 - Tues. June 27

Location: Stonington High School, Stonington, CT

5 minutes from RI, 60 minutes from Hartford, 90 minutes from Springfield,
150 minutes from Albany, NYC, Brattleboro, VT or Manchester, NH



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Agenda:

- 8:00-3:30 Day 1 will be a workshop on the key principles of teaching toward proficiency
- 8:00-3:30 Day 2 will be organized around the planning for proficiency-based instruction in a TELL un-conference style

Member Cost (COLT, RIFLA, MaFLA, NYSFLT, FLENJ NHAFLT, VFLLA):

- Early Bird Registration (submitted and paid on or before 4/30/2017): Members - \$150; Non-Members - \$180.
- Regular Registration (submitted and paid on or after 5/1/2017): Members - \$175; Non-Members - \$205
- Note that registrants from state WL organizations other than CT COLT will pay the \$150/\$175 rate.
- Please register at www.ctcolt.org/pages/PDSummer2017registration.asp or www.RIFLA.org

Included in the registration:

- Breakfast & Lunch will be provided both days
- Proficiency Party at the Kennedy House: appetizers & cocktails at the end of 1st day
- Inspiration to improve your practice with dynamic educators from around New England

Mystic Hilton Hotel:

- A block of rooms has been held for us at the Mystic Hilton. It is a 5-minute drive to the HS and situated in Mystic Village with restaurants and shops.
- To reserve a room for \$139 for Monday, please call 860.572.0731 and ask for the COLT Summer Proficiency Institute, with the code **CTCSPI**. You can use this same code when registering online. This rate is available for rooms reserved on or before 5/27/17.



About Our Presenter:

Thomas Sauer, an Educational Entrepreneur and founder of LearningShifts, is a visionary thinker, designer and change facilitator. Thomas shares his time as the Director of Design and Communication for AdvanceLearning, empowering educators to become more effective. Previously, he served as World Language Specialist for school systems in major urban areas such as Louisville, Kentucky where Thomas was instrumental in guiding teachers to design units of study learning resources and implement articulated proficiency-based programs and assessments. Named a "Global Visionary" by the World Affairs Council of Kentucky & Southern Indiana in 2010 and the Pearson Supervisor of the Year by the National Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Languages in 2011, Thomas has turned his attention to using a global professional learning network (PLN) to help teachers around the world take charge of their own professional learning.