White Center Heights (WCH) is a Pre-K through 6th elementary school in Highline Public Schools, just south of Seattle, WA.

One goal of the Highline district is for every member of the class of 2026 to graduate from high school fully bilingual and biliterate. To meet this goal, the district has begun dual language (DL) programs in several elementary schools over the past several years. There are 5 schools (including WCH) with DL Spanish classrooms, and WCH is piloting the district’s first Vietnamese DL program.

The Vietnamese DL program will enter its 3rd year in 2015-2016, with grades K, 1, and 2 participating in the program. Each grade level has one Vietnamese DL classroom where students receive all social studies, science, and half of their literacy content in Vietnamese, and math and the other half of literacy in English. WCH has been so fortunate to partner with NRCAL this year in order to better support both students and teachers involved in the Vietnamese DL program!

See more about Highline Public Schools: [http://www.HighlineSchools.org](http://www.HighlineSchools.org)
CHECK THIS OUT!
Great cultural events

- America's largest Asian food market: 626 Night Market. Food, live music, films, games & more. **July 3-5**
- Heart and Seoul: Growing Up in Korea. Exhibits, folktales, games & more. **June 2-Sept. 7**
- An eight-day event celebrates Japanese culture with displays of martial arts, tea ceremonies, flower arranging, and more. **Mid-August**.
  [http://www.niseiweek.org](http://www.niseiweek.org)

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Vietnamese American Chambers of Commerce

The Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce (VACOC) is a local organization which promotes and supports its business, education, and community partners. VACOC just celebrated its 30th anniversary with an awards gala on June 12, 2015. At the gala, VACOC recognized achievement and leadership in the community with 4 awards: Founder’s Award, Entrepreneur of the Year, Leadership in Philanthropy, and Emerging Leader. In addition, VACOC/Viet Foundation, in partnership with The Disneyland Resort, also awarded $12,000 of scholarships to 12 Vietnamese American K-12 students in Orange County.

As it values small and medium size businesses, sees education and training as keys to business success, and seeks “best practices” for better business growth, the VACOC helps provide young people and minority-owned companies development programs and education through their Viet Foundation program. Under the Viet Foundation, the VACOC supports academic programs with many educational institutions in California. It has established programs like the Global Supplier Initiative (GSI), Student Scholarships, Mentor Protégé, Committees involvement, etc.

- Learn more about VACOC’s membership at [http://www.vacoc.com/content/membership-benefits/benefits.html](http://www.vacoc.com/content/membership-benefits/benefits.html)
- For more general information, go to [http://www.vacoc.com](http://www.vacoc.com)

World Language Authorizations
Offered at Cal State Fullerton

- **Bilingual Authorization in a World Language.**
  - Become authorized to teach in bilingual settings in K12 classrooms
  - Complete 2 courses in pedagogy and culture offered at CSUF and take the CSET
  - Contact: [frodriguez-valls@fullerton.edu](mailto:frodriguez-valls@fullerton.edu)
- **Single Subject Authorization in a World Language.**
  - Become authorized to teach a world language in K12 classrooms
  - Complete a subject-specific methods course offered at CSUF and meet subject matter competency in specific world language
  - Contact: [kshand@fullerton.edu](mailto:kshand@fullerton.edu)

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Better Together: CA Teachers Summit

On July 31st, more than 20,000 teachers from across the state will gather for Better Together: California Teachers Summit, a one-of-a-kind event designed to help teachers build a powerful network of peers, share best practices and access effective resources to implement the new California Standards. The event is FREE to all California PreK-12 teachers, teacher candidates and school administrators. CSUF is among one of the many colleges and universities participating. A .5 unit continuing education credit will be available to interested teachers at a minimal cost.

➢ To register, see http://www.cateacherssummit.com/

Save the Date to be part of our Webinars

Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. PST

➢ July 22, 2015: Dr. Setsue Shibata from the Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures
Content-based instruction

➢ August 26, 2015: Dr. Trang Le from the Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures
Teaching Vietnamese culture and language through songs

➢ September 23, 2015: Dr. Adrian Jung from the Dept. of Special Education
Content enhancement techniques

➢ Please contact nrcal@fullerton.edu if you would like to facilitate a Webinar
➢ For archived webinars see www.nrcal.org/webinars.html

Professional Development

➢ Training teachers to develop innovative instructional materials, effective pedagogies, and appropriate assessment tools will heighten students’ interest in learning multiple languages, thus preparing students to become competitive members of a multicultural global economy.

➢ Professional development sessions for are held per year with 3-day pull-out sessions during the academic year, and one intensive 5-day Summer Institute session, all strategically designed to provide teachers with on-going support.

Benefits:

➢ Receive training from content and teaching experts
➢ Network with educators teaching Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, and Japanese languages

Professional Development
Pollak Library, CSUF
July 20-24, 2015

Learn about:

✓ Community Resources
✓ State Standards Alignment
✓ Teaching for Cultural Understanding
✓ Proficiency Level Student Engagement
✓ Navigating Cultural Differences
✓ Integrating Technology
✓ Collaborative planning on using games, language specific unit planning, and much more!

For more info: nrcal@fullerton.edu

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Technology Tips
All about Social Media

✓ Ways to use Twitter in the language learning environment:
  http://avatarlanguages.com/teaching/twitter.php

✓ Follow these groups and people on Twitter:
  - @narcalcsuf – Asian Language Center at CSUF
  - @aboutworldlangs
  - @WordUnited – multilingual educational products
  - @NABE – national organization of bilingual educators and professional
  - @ACTFL – American Council on teaching of foreign languages
  - @GoGlobalEd – US Dept. of Education International and Foreign Language Office