



Cecile Nedellec - California

Cecile Nedellec (she/her), Ph.D., is the 2025 Teacher of the Year for the California Language Teachers' Association (CLTA). Cecile's passion for supporting and mentoring teachers led her to earn a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction. Her doctoral dissertation is titled "Teachers' Understanding of Differentiated Instruction in Swiss Elementary Schools." Cecile began teaching languages (French and English) in 2005.

She currently teaches all levels of French at Patrick Henry High School in San Diego, where she also serves as the World Languages Co-Department Chair and as a member of the SGT and ILT teams. In 2009, she became a California World Language Project (CWLP) Fellow. Since 2009, Cecile has been mentoring teachers, and in 2021, she became an instructor for the UCSD Department of Extended Studies induction program in partnership with her district (San Diego Unified School District). Since 2015, Cecile has contributed to the planning and implementation of activities for the Southern Area International Languages Network (SAILN) at SDSU. She coordinates project resources and liaises with stakeholders to collect and disseminate project information. She also serves as the SAILN Strand A lead and provides support to the other leads.

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