Professional Goals
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STARTALK program refresh the Five National Standards and Three Communicative Modes teaching theory which I decide to use as a guideline when I design my curriculum in the future. It also points out that total immersion and communicative approaching determine the achievement of learning language. Like a lot of the other Chinese teachers, I would never believe that total immersion in the novice level will work out that well if I did not experience it by myself. Furthermore, I realize that a good design student-centered activities, meaningful visualize authentic materials and high technology devices are also critical for a curriculum to be successes. My long term professional goal is to continue attending professional training like STARTALK and AP summit to keep up my knowledge on the front line of teaching. All these professional trainings sharpen my teaching skill and inspirit my mind and heart. Then I will apply all the knowledge I learned to my class. I want to help my students to learn Chinese in easy but communicative way. I hope all my students love Chinese and Chinese will benefit their lives in the future. My short term professional goal is to collaborate with other subject teachers to create more meaningful curriculum and deliver more meaningful thematic units to the students. Totally immersion class of Chinese is my first goal to achieve in a year. Teaching Chinese in more efficiency and fun way with high technology is my second goal to complete. As Confucius said, “Teaching and learning are mutual and co-exist”.