

World Language Credit for Proficiency Frequently Asked Questions 2020-2021

ELIGIBILITY

1. How do students know if they should take and can pass the tests?

If students can fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English, they should consider taking the test. Answer the questions below to see how you might do:

	I can do this VERY easily	I can do this FAIRLY easily	I can NOT do this easily or at all
I can understand ideas on familiar topics expressed through phrases, short sentences, and frequently used expressions. [Listening]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can understand the main idea and some details in simple texts that contain familiar vocabulary. [Reading]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can exchange information with another person about familiar tasks, topics and activities. [Person-to- Person Communication]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can use a series of phrases and sentences to provide basic information about familiar topics. [Spoken Production]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can write simple descriptions and short messages and request or provide information on familiar topics. [Writing]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- If you answered “I can’t do this easily or at all” to any of the questions, you should consider studying these content areas further and registering for a future test date.
- If you answered “I can do this fairly easily” to any of the questions, you will probably be able to earn 1 to 2 credits.
- If you answered “I can do this very easily” to all the questions, you will probably be able to earn 3 to 4 credits.

2. Who can take a world language assessment?

Students in Central Kitsap School District in grades 8 through 12 may sign up for testing.

REGISTRATION AND TESTING LOCATIONS

1. When are the 2020-21 testing dates?

Spring testing will take place April 14 & 21, 2021. Testing takes place at the Teaching and Learning Center located at 1400 NE McWilliams Road, Bremerton 98311. All students show up at 8:30 a.m.

2. When can students register?

Registration is open now through March 29, 2021. No late registrations will be accepted.

3. Where can students register?

Students should contact their counselor to sign up. Students should fill out a quick proficiency questionnaire before registering.

LANGUAGES TESTED

1. Which languages will be tested?

STAMP 4S: Current languages tested are Arabic, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Korean and Portuguese.

WorldSpeak: Amharic, Armenian, Chin (Hakha), Chuukese, Czech Filipino (Tagalog), Haitian-Creole, Hmong, Ilocano, Marshallese, Marathi, Samoan, Somali, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese, Yup'ik

CREDITS AND BENEFITS

1. How many credits can the student earn by demonstrating fluency in reading, writing, speaking, and

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listening?

Students will be able to earn up to four credits, depending upon the level of proficiency they demonstrate on the assessments in reading, writing, listening, and/or speaking. Credits will be awarded based on the lowest level of proficiency demonstrated across the skill areas, so it is important for students to have strong skills in all four areas.

2. What is the benefit of taking this test?

Students may earn proficiency-based high school credits, meet the world language credit requirement for graduation, and/or qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy on their diploma.

3. How will students get the credits added to their transcripts?

Test results will not automatically be added to student transcripts. The district's Student Services department will provide the student and parent/guardian the test results and the option to complete a Credit for Competency/Proficiency-World Language form to request credits be added to the student's transcript. Students who tested in other locations and credits were not awarded by their previous district, may request approval of credit for proficiency in a world language through the district's Student Services Department with an original score report(s) and official documentation. Credit will be awarded with a grade of Pass (P). Once placed on the transcript, credits cannot be removed.

4. What is the Seal of Biliteracy?

Students who demonstrate proficiency on the world language competency tests at the Intermediate-Mid proficiency level may qualify for the [Seal of Biliteracy](#) on their high school diploma if they also meet all requirements for English Language Arts (ELA), including passing all four high school English classes and passing the state ELA Smarter Balanced Assessment.

ASSESSMENT COSTS

1. What will the test cost?

There is no cost to families for the 2020-2021 school year.

2. If I am not satisfied with my results, can I retest?

Yes, you can retest. It is important to take into consideration your proficiency in all content areas before registering.

PREPARING FOR TESTING

1. How can I prepare for the test (AVANT tests)?

Students can:

- Read the *Test Taker's Guide* at <https://avantassessment.com/stamp4s/test-taker-guide>
- See the *Benchmarks and Rubric Guide* at <https://avantassessment.com/stamp4s/benchmarks-rubric-guide>
- Take a sample test at <https://avantassessment.com/sample-tests>

2. How do I know if I am ready to take a language proficiency test?

Students' language proficiency should be at the Intermediate-Mid level to earn four credits. To see if a student's proficiency level is appropriate for testing and to see other helpful ideas regarding testing, students can review the list of topics and skills at <https://www.actfl.org/> by clicking on the Intermediate-Mid boxes for each mode: interpersonal communication, presentational speaking, presentational writing, interpretive listening, and interpretive reading. Then students should click on the additional links provided in the boxes and review the "Can Do" statements at the Intermediate-Mid and other levels.

3. What happens if I do not do well on the test?

Students may have multiple opportunities and should prepare for the next test administration date to increase their scores.

TEST RESULTS

1. How will I find out about my test results?

Students will receive a letter from the school district notifying them of their testing results, proficiency levels, and number of eligible high school credits. The number of credits students receive **is based upon the lowest proficiency score in any of the four content areas (reading, writing, listen, speaking).**

OTHER QUESTIONS

1. What if I still have questions?

Questions about:

- High school credit: Contact your school counselor
- Registration: Contact Student Services at 360-662-1678