

Rhode Island Department of Education
State Approved Commercial Language Assessments
Seal of Biliteracy

The Rhode Island Department of Education is proud to offer the Seal of Biliteracy. This document is part of the Rhode Island’s Seal of Biliteracy policy to support seal potential recipients in their understanding of the different scores that are equivalent to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency levels.

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Assessments to Demonstrate Proficiency in English

English proficiency may be demonstrated through one of the following, realized during a student’s high school tenure:

American College Test (ACT)	Composite English Language Arts score of 18 or higher.
SAT Exam	Composite English score of 480 or higher
PSAT	Composite English score of 430 or higher
Advanced Placement (AP)-English Language and Composition	Level 3 and Above
Advanced Placement (AP)-English Literature and Composition	Level 3 and Above
AAPPL Assessment in English	Score of 1-3 or higher
STAMP 4S Assessment in English	Score of 5
English Language Proficiency Assessment 21 (ELPA)	Combination of scores of 4 or higher
ACCESS-English Language Proficiency	State defined exiting criteria for ELs
LAS Links-DRC-English Language Proficiency (form C/D)	Overall level 5

Seal of Biliteracy: Gold

A Gold-level recipient of the Seal of Biliteracy has demonstrated a performance equivalent to an Intermediate High or Advanced Low, as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). This student can communicate with ease and confidence when dealing with routine tasks and social situations in a variety of contexts.

Seal of Biliteracy: Silver

A Silver-level recipient of the Seal of Biliteracy has demonstrated a performance equivalent to an Intermediate Mid, as defined by ACTFL. This student can communicate with some comfort when dealing with uncomplicated situations in predictable contexts.

Assessments to Demonstrate Proficiency in a language other than English

Proficiency in a language other than English may be demonstrated through one of the following, realized during a student’s high school tenure:

Name of Assessment	Silver Level Qualifications	Gold Level Qualification
ACTFL Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment (ALIRA)	13 (on each section)	15 (on each section)
National Latin Exam	Silver medal for Intermediate Reading Comprehension Exam.	Gold medal for Intermediate Reading Comprehension Exam; Any medal for Advanced Level Exam.
Avant STAMP 4S <i>The STAMP 4S is available in Arabic, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional in Mandarin), English, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Listening, Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, and Spanish.</i>	5 (on each section)	6 (on each section)
Avant WS (formerly WorldSpeak)	5 (on each section)	6 (on each section)

NOTE: Speaking and writing assessments only. <i>The Avant WorldSpeak language proficiency test is offered in Amharic, Armenian, Cabo Verdean, Chin(Hakha), Cannada, Chuukese, Czech, Filipino (Tagalog), Haitian Creole, Hawaiian ('Olelo Hawai'i), Hmong, Ilocano, Marathi, Marshallese, Samoan, Somali Maay, Somali Maxaa, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish, Ukranian, Urdu, Vietnamese, Yup'ik, and Zomi.</i>		
STAMP 3S NOTE: Listening, speaking and writing assessments only. <i>The STAMP 3S assessment is available in Swahili and Yoruba.</i>	5	6
STAMP for ASL NOTE: Listening assessment only. Available beginning January 2023.	Intermediate mid or higher	Advanced low or higher
STAMP for Latin NOTE: Reading assessment only	Intermediate mid or higher	Advanced low or higher
Advanced Placement (AP)	3	4
International Baccalaureate (IB) Overall Language A or B Assessment (other than English)	4	5
ALTA <i>Speaking and Writing Assessments</i> <i>ALTA Language Services is a language testing company for government agencies, healthcare organizations, and businesses nationwide. Although ALTA offers testing in 100+ languages, ALTA assessments do not assess all four domains. ALTA assessments may only be used for languages for which there is no four-domain assessment available. ALTA three-domain assessments (speaking-listening and writing) may be used for the following languages: Afrikaans, Azerbaijani, Burmese, Cambodian, Ewe, Fante (Akan), Fulani (Puula language from Senegal), Ga, Georgian, Hausa, Igbo, Indonesian, Jamaican creole English</i>	5 (on each section)	6 (on each section)

<i>(Patois), Kazakh, Kinyarwanda, Kurmanji, Lao, Latvian, Malay, Navajo, Nepali, Punjabi (Eastern), Punjabi (Western), Sinhala, Sorani, Tajik, Tigrinya, Twi, Uzbek, Wolof. To use any other language assessment from ALTA, schools/districts must first obtain permission from the RIDE.</i>		
ACTFL/LTI Assessments		
AAPPL Assessment <i>The AAPPL is available in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.</i>	13 (each section)	15 (each section)
LPT-Listening Proficiency Test Taken in combination with the ACTFL OPI, RPT, and WPT when applicable. <i>The ACTFL LPT is available in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish</i>	13 (each section)	15 (each section)
RPT-Reading Proficiency Test Taken in combination with the ACTFL WPT, OPI, and LPT when applicable. <i>The ACTFL RPT is available in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.</i>	13 (each section)	15 (each section)
WPT-Writing Proficiency Test Taken in combination with the ACTFL OPI, RPT, and LPT when applicable. <i>The ACTFL WPT is available in the following languages: Available on-demand: Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Haitian Creole, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Persian Farsi, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbo/Croatian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, and Vietnamese.</i>	13 (each section)	15 (each section)
OPI and WPT <i>Available in: Albanian, Amharic, Bengali/Bangla, Bosnian/Croatian, Bulgarian, Cantonese, Dari, Gujarati,</i>	13 (each section)	15 (each section)

<i>Haitian Creole, Hebrew, Hindi, Malayalam, Pashto, Polish, Russian, Swahili, Tamil, Tagalog, Thai, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese, and Yoruba.</i>		
NEWL-National Exam in World Languages <i>The NEWL Examinations are available in Arabic, Korean, Portuguese, and Russian.</i>	3 or higher	5
ASLPI (American Sign language Proficiency interview-full assessment)	Level 3.0 or above	Level 4.0 or above