

MARYLAND SEAL OF BILITERACY

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Name	Source	Language(s)	Skills Assessed	Cost	Comments	Minimum Qualifying Score*
AAPPL ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages	ACTFL	Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Thai	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$20	- Interpretive Reading and Listening: immediate results - Interpersonal and Presentational: results in 2 weeks	I-5 (form B)
ACTFL OPI Oral Proficiency Interview	ACTFL	Multiple (84)	Listening Speaking	\$134	20–30-minute interview in person or by phone with an ACTFL-certified tester - Must be combined with WPT to assess writing	Intermediate High
ACTFL OPIc Oral Proficiency Interview computer-based	ACTFL	Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Pashto, Persian, Farsi, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish	Listening Speaking	\$55	- On-demand - Administered by avatar 4 forms, depending on the proficiency level - Must be combined with WPT to assess writing	Intermediate High
ACTFL OPI Advanced Level Check	ACTFL	Multiple (90+)	Listening Speaking	\$75	- Must be combined with WPT to assess writing - Truncated version of the OPI - Interview in person or by phone with an ACTFL-certified tester	Intermediate High

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ACTFL OPI & WPT for Seal of Biliteracy	ACTFL	Albanian, Amharic, Bengali/Bangla, Bosnian/Croatian, Bulgarian, Cantonese, Dari, Gujarati, Haitian, Creole, Hebrew, Malayalam, Pashto, Polish, Swahili, Tamil, Tagalog, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese, Yoruba	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$55 for current users of AAPPL	- Offered January through May - Alternative for less-common languages for schools already administering AAPPL	Intermediate High
ACTFL WPT Writing Proficiency Test	ACTFL	Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Haitian, Creole, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Farsi, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, Vietnamese	Writing	\$60	- Booklet or internet-based - Must be combined with OPI or OPIc to assess listening and speaking	Intermediate High
AJA Assessment Tamil Language Proficiency Assessment	AJA Assessment	Tamil	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$125	- A detailed report will be provided along with Proficiency Certificate. - Administered in person or online via videoconference 6 times per year and on demand - Results sent within one week. - Contact AJA Assessment for more information.	Intermediate High

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ALIRA ACTFL Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment	ACTFL	Latin	Reading	\$10	• Computer-based • 50 minutes • On-demand with school-based proctor	1-4
ALTA Language Services	ALTA	Multiple (92)	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$132	• On demand • Results within 24 hours	1+ (ILR scale)
AP Advanced Placement Language and Culture	College Board	Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Spanish	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$94 (self-pay)	• Administered in May • Scores released in July	4
AP Advanced Placement Language and Culture	College Board	Spanish	Listening Reading Writing	\$94 (self-pay)	• Must be combined with an additional listening and speaking assessment from this list	4

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ASLPI American Sign Language Proficiency Interview	Gallaudet University	American Sign Language	Signing Attending (Listening)	\$150	- Scored on a 0-5 scale - Administered in person or via videoconference	3+
Avant STAMP 4S Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency	Avant Assessment	Arabic, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin (Simplified & Traditional), Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, Spanish	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$19.90	- Immediate results: listening and reading - Results in 3-7 days: speaking and writing	6
Avant STAMP-WS (Formerly World Speak)	Avant Assessment	Amharic, Armenian, Chin (Hakha), Chuukese, Czech, Haitian-Creole, Hawaiian, Hmong, Ilocano, Kannada, Marathi, Marshallese, Samoan, Somali (2), Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese, Yup'ik	Writing Speaking	\$50	Results within 10 days	6
Bulgarian Standardized Test	Sofia University	Bulgarian	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$115	- Aligned to Common European Framework for Languages - Endorses by the Embassy of Bulgaria	B1

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Name	Source	Language(s)	Skills Assessed	Cost	Comments	Minimum Qualifying Score*
Certificate of Attainment in Greek	Center for the Greek Language	Greek	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$105-125	- Aligned to the Common European Framework for Languages - Administered in May by the Hellenic American Union - Accredited by the Greek Ministry of Education	B1
CNaVT Certificaat Neerlands als Vreemde Taal	Taalunie/ Center for Language and Education	Dutch	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$83	- Aligned to the Common European Framework for Languages - Registration due March 15 - Administered in May - Results received in July	B1
DELE Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera	Instituto Cervantes/ Universidad de Salamanca	Spanish	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$160	Administered on 5 exam dates between April and October	B1
DELF Diplôme d'études en langue Française	Ministère de L'Éducation Nationale	French	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$170	Administered by the Alliance Française of Wash., D.C. in November and December	B1

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<u>DSD</u> Deutsches Sprachdiplom	German Federal Government	German	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$150	Aligned to the Common European Framework for Languages	B1
<u>GOETHE-ZERTIFIKAT</u>	Goethe Institut USA	German	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$150	- Aligned to the Common European Framework for Languages - Administered in Washington, D.C. - Test dates: November and December	B1
<u>HSK</u> Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi Chinese Proficiency Test	Hanban/Confucius Institute	Chinese	Listening Reading Writing	\$40	- Aligned to the Common European Framework for Languages - Must take Level III of the HSK and the Intermediate Level of the HSKK - Results sent within one month	180
<u>HSKK</u> Hanyu Shuiping Kouyu Kaoski	Hanban/Confucius Institute	Chinese	Speaking	\$30	- Aligned to the Common European Framework for Languages - Must take Level III of the HSK and the Intermediate Level of the HSKK - Results sent within one month	60

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<u>IB</u> International Baccalaureate	IB	Chinese, Greek, Spanish, Latin, French, German	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$110	- Available only to students enrolled in IB - Language B Exams: Standards Level (SL) and Higher Level (HL) - Language A: Language & Literature - Literature & Performance	HL: 5 SL: 6
<u>NEWL</u> National Examinations in World Languages	American Councils for International Education	Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$93	- Endorsed by College Board - Uses AAPPL for listening/speaking \$53 reduced cost for students with financial need - Practice exams available	4
<u>SLPI</u> Sign Language Proficiency Interview	Rochester Institute of Technology	American Sign Language	Signing Attending (Listening)	\$150	- Scored on a Novice to Superior Plus scale - Administered in person or via videoconference	Advanced Plus
<u>TISUS</u> Test in Swedish for University Studies	Stockholm University	Swedish	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$223	- Qualifying assessment for entrance to Swedish universities - Coordinated by the Swedish embassy or consulate	Pass

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Name	Source	Language(s)	Skills Assessed	Cost	Comments	Minimum Qualifying Score*
TOCFL Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language	Steering Committee for the Test Of Proficiency-Huayu (SC-TOP)	Chinese (Mandarin)	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$14-68	Must take at a school system test location or at a TOCFL test location	Band B – Level 3
TOPIK II Test of Proficiency in Korean	Korean Government	Korean	Listening Reading Writing	\$20-40	- Must take the Level II assessment - Must be combined with an approved speaking assessment - Administered 6 times per year - Contact Korean Embassy or Korean Culture Centre	Level 3, score of 120
TVA Tamil Virtual Assessment	Tamil Nadu State Government, India	Tamil	Reading Writing	\$20	- Must be combined with OPI - Administered online by the Tamil Virtual University - Contact the Maryland Tamil Academy for more information	Higher Certificate HG 10
YCT Youth Chinese Test	Hanban/ Confucius Institute Headquarters	Chinese	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	\$40 for both tests	- Aligned to the Common European Framework B1 - Must take BOTH YCT Level IV and Intermediate Level YCT Speaking Tests	Level IV:180 Speaking Test: 60



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- Assessment scores earned before grade 8 do not meet Maryland Seal of Biliteracy eligibility requirements.
- For languages not available from these sources, MSDE will attempt to obtain comparable assessments.
- Composite scores may be used when available. However, all components of the assessment must be scored.
- Official assessment results must be provided in English.