

When does the testing happen?

Tests will be offered at four high school sites on predetermined dates in November.

How do I sign up?

The process may vary by school. Students may sign up or request information on where to sign up for the Credit through Testing exam at the Counselor's office.

- Registration opens on September 17, 2021
- Registration closes on October 29, 2021

What languages are able to be tested?

LCPS will offer the exam in those languages where there are 50 or more students who identified the language as the first language spoken at home. Currently those include: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese/ Mandarin, Farsi, French, German, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Malayalam, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu and Vietnamese.

Why aren't more languages offered?

The decision as to which languages are offered is based on the information taken from the home language information that every family must complete upon registering their children in LCPS.

There are two criteria for offering a language exam. The first is that 50 or more students in grades 9-12 speak the exam language as the first language at home. The second is a qualified translator must be available to translate the exam's writing prompts and assess the exam.

How many exams are given each school year?

The exam will be offered once each school year.

How many times can I take the exam?

Students may take the exam two times for the same language while in high school.

How is the exam scored?

The exam is scored by an assessor who is proficient in the language of the exam. Results are final and cannot be appealed.

Will my child receive a grade for passing the exam?

If successful, students will receive a "passing" grade for the course which will appear as a "P" on his/her transcript. Credits will be awarded for levels I and II of the language. Students will not receive any letter grade that will impact the grade point average (GPA).

How will I find out my results?

Parents and students will be notified of results at the end of January via the email on file.

Where can I find more information?

Information at the school is available through the high school Counseling Office, ELL teacher or World Language Department Chair. You may also contact the Office of World Languages and Cultures at (571) 252-1410 or

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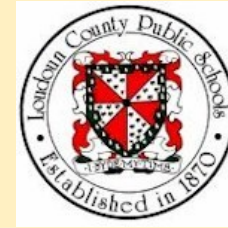
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Loudoun County Public Schools

Credit Through Testing Exam



Office of World Languages and Cultures



What is Credit through Testing Exam?

Loudoun County Public Schools allows students, with the ability to comprehend and communicate in languages other than English, to earn high school credits through State approved world language assessments.

The Credit Through Testing exam measures students' language proficiency in order to award two high school world language credits. *Students who pass the exam will also meet the language proficiency requirement to earn the Seal of Biliteracy at graduation.* We will continue to use nationally-normed tests such as STAMP, AAPPL, DPI, DPlc, and the WPT for meeting the requirement for the State Seal of Biliteracy.

How does participating in the Credit Through Testing exam help students?

If students wish to graduate with an Advanced Studies Diploma they will need to earn at least three world language credits. These are earned by taking three years of one language (3 x 1) or two years each of two different languages (2 x 2). The successful participation in the exam will allow students to earn two credits that they can use towards the Advanced Studies diploma.

How will my score on this assessment help me obtain a Seal of Biliteracy?

In 2015-16, the Virginia Board of Education's approved

the Seal of Biliteracy that certifies the attainment of a high level of proficiency by a graduating high school student in one or more languages in addition to English.

The Seal of Biliteracy will be awarded to students who passed all required End-of-Course Assessments in English at the proficient or higher level and who scored an intermediate-mid level or higher in another language.

How many world language credits can be earned through the exam?

Students can earn two credits depending on their level of proficiency as demonstrated by the exam.



Who is eligible and how do I know if I am proficient enough to try to earn credit through a test?

Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to take the exam. Students interested in receiving credit by taking a language proficiency test should *at least* be at the Intermediate-Mid level and be able to:

- start, maintain, and end a conversation on a variety of familiar topics.
- talk about daily activities and personal preferences.
- use language to handle tasks related to personal needs.

- exchange information about subjects of special interest to them
- read and write a cohesive paragraph on topics relating to themselves.

In addition, students will need to understand directions in language of the exam.

If a student was placed into a level 3 or 4 class because of their language skills, they can take the test to earn retroactive credit for prior levels .

Who is not eligible to take the exam?

Students who have already taken a class and did not pass are not able to take the test. Also, students who have already taken the exam for a language twice, and did not pass, are not eligible.

If my child is not a native speaker of the language but has a high level of proficiency, can my child participate?

Yes, however, the student must be able to read, write, speak and listen in the exam language at the intermediate-mid level. The exam proctors won't be proficient in the exam language. Students must be able to complete all work independently during the exam.

How much will it cost?

There is no cost for Loudoun County high school students.

