

World Language Credit for Proficiency

Frequently Asked Questions

2023-24

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

- 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 Everett Public Schools in grades 7 through 12 may sign up for testing. All students must register and pay the \$10 fee with the treasurer at their school within the registration window (September 6 – October 31).

REGISTRATION AND TESTING LOCATIONS

3. When are the 2023-24 testing dates?

Testing window: November 28 – December 15

Each building has two specific testing dates selected within the window. Contact the school office to inquire on specific testing days.

4. When can students register?

Registration window: September 6 – October 31

5. Where can students register for and take the assessment?

Students will be required to fill out a proficiency questionnaire before registering and paying the \$10 exam fee with the school’s treasurer. Testing will occur at each high school and middle school building during the school day.

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LANGUAGES TESTED

6. Which languages will be tested?

We will make every effort to include all languages. Students fluent in a language not commonly spoken in the United States should register as soon as possible as it may take additional time to locate a test.

CREDITS AND BENEFITS

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

8. What is the benefit of taking this test?

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

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

Test results will not be automatically added to student transcripts. Students and their families can return the district letter (sent after testing) to their school counselor or registrar to request that world language proficiency credits be added to their transcript. Students (who tested in other locations) and their families can complete the district form [2415P](#) to request approval of credit for proficiency in a world language, attach the original score reports and official documentation, to their school registrar or counselor. Credit will be awarded with a grade of Satisfactory (S). Once placed on the transcript, credits cannot be removed.

10. 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). This includes passing all four high school English classes and passing the state ELA assessment requirement.

ASSESSMENT COSTS

11. What will the test cost?

Students and their families are responsible for paying the \$10 discounted testing fee at the time of registration. The school district covers the rest of the administration costs. See below for retesting.

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

Yes, you can retest during the next testing window. The next window after the 2023-2024 window will be in the 2024-2025 school year.

PREPARING FOR TESTING

13. How can I prepare for the world language assessment?

There are practice tests available online for a variety of languages. Please go to the world language assessment practice test site, pick your language, and follow the instructions on that page (<https://www.everettsd.org/Page/29993>).

Not every language has a practice test available, however, you may find it helpful to review the English language practice test to get an idea of the type of questions asked.



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

Students will have the opportunity to test the following school year. They should prepare and practice for the next test administration date to increase their scores.

TEST RESULTS

15. 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 a student receives is based upon the lowest proficiency score in any of the four content areas (reading, writing, listening, speaking).

OTHER QUESTIONS

16. What if I still have questions?

Questions about:

- Registering for specific language exam, contact WLA@everettsd.org
- High school credit, contact your school counselor
- Paying for registration, contact your high school treasurer or middle school office manager