



## Moscow School District #281

### Moscow High School

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## World Language Competency Credit Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### **Q: How long does the test take?**

A: The test is untimed, and you may pause to take breaks. It generally takes 2-3 hours.

### **Q: Who can earn World Language Competency Credit?**

A: Any MHS student with strong skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening in a language other than English can earn credit.

### **Q: What languages can I earn credit in?**

Amharic	Hindi	Samoan
Arabic	Hmong	Somali Maay Maay
Armenian	Ilocano	Somali Maxaa
Cabo Verdean	Italian	Spanish
Chin (Hakha)	Japanese	Spanish Monolingual
Chuukese	Kannada	Swahili
Czech	Korean	Tamil
English	Mandarin (Simplified & Traditional)	Telugu
Filipino (Tagalog)	Marathi	Turkish
French	Marshallese	Urdu
German	Polish	Vietnamese
Haitian Creole	Portuguese (Brazilian)	Yoruba
Hawaiian ('Ōlelo Hawai'i)	Russian	Yup'ik
Hebrew		Zomi

### **Q: How many high school credits can I earn?**

A: 2-8, depending on your proficiency level.

### **Q: Can I earn credit in more than one language?**

A: Yes

### **Q: How much does testing cost?**

A: The costs range from \$19.90 to \$24.90, depending on the type of exam.

### **Q: What happens if I don't do well on the test?**

A: Nothing. If you don't earn credit, then there will be no indication of that on your transcript.

**Q: Can I test more than once?**

A: Yes, but you are limited to one opportunity per school year.

**Q: Can I take the test if I am an ENL student?**

A: Yes. ENL students are encouraged to take the test. However, it would be best to take the test when you are at an intermediate or advanced level of English language skill because the test instructions will all be in English.

**Q: How do I register for the test?**

A: To register, complete the "Language Competency Assessment Application" available on the MHS Counseling Center Website under [Testing -> STAMP](#) and turn in the form to the Counseling Office along with payment.

**Q: What kind of credit will I earn?**

A: Humanities (or elective) credits will be generated with course names that indicate the language and that it was earned through proficiency.

**Q: Will this affect my GPA?**

A: No. Proficiency credits are GPA-neutral.

**Q: Will earning language credits via World Language Competency Credit be considered on college applications?**

A: Having your language proficiency noted on your high school transcript is a valuable addition to any college application. However, colleges and universities determine their own policies about accepting credits attained through one of these assessments for either admission or placement in language courses. Students should check with their desired college or university to learn more about their policies regarding these credits.

**Q: Will I pass?**

A: If you can answer "Yes, I can do this *fairly* easily" to each of the below statements in a language other than English, then you should be able to earn at least 2 credits. If you can answer "Yes, I can do this *very* easily" to all the below statements, then you may be able to earn 6-8 credits.

- I can understand ideas on familiar topics expressed through phrases, short sentences, and frequently used expressions.
- I can understand the main idea and some details in simple texts that contain familiar vocabulary.
- I can exchange information with another person about familiar tasks, topics, and activities.
- I can use a series of phrases and sentences to provide basic information about familiar topics.
- I can write simple descriptions and short messages and request or provide information on familiar topics.

See also:

[Avant STAMP Sample Tests](#)

[Avant STAMP 4S Benchmark & Rubric Guide](#)

[Avant STAMP WS Benchmark & Rubric Guide](#)