

Earning Foreign Language Credit and/or Seal of Biliteracy through the AAPPL assessment.

Pickerington Local Schools is offering an opportunity for students in grades 7-12 who know a language other than English to test and earn credit and/or receive their Seal of Biliteracy for their language knowledge by taking the AAPPL assessment.


What is the ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL)?

The ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) is an assessment of standards-based language learning across the three modes of communication (Interpersonal, Presentational, and Interpretive) as defined by the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning. The AAPPL assesses Interpersonal Listening/Speaking, Presentational Writing, Interpretive Reading, and Interpretive Listening, and ratings are assigned according to the ACTFL Performance Descriptors for Language Learners. The four components of the test take a total of approximately two hours.

Languages Available:

Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. Assessments are available in other languages; however the format and costs associated with these assessments differ from the AAPPL. If you would like to test in other languages, please fill out the [AAPPL Interest Form](#) and someone will contact you to schedule this assessment. ***Please note that students need to be able to read and listen to directions in English to take the assessment.***

Here is a short Video with everything that you need to know:

 [What is the AAPPL? Everything you need to know about it.](#)

What kind of score does the AAPPL provide?

A single AAPPL Score, according to the ACTFL Performance Scale, is issued for each component of the test (Interpersonal Listening/Speaking, Presentational Writing, Interpretive Reading, and Interpretive Listening). Test takers receive a written AAPPL Score Report consisting of an AAPPL Score for each component, a brief narrative explaining each score, and recommendations for improvement. Official scoring is conducted by ACTFL Certified AAPPL raters. Pickerington Local Schools will then take the score and assess how much credit the student should be given.

What does all of the above mean?

Your student can earn up to 4 credits in the languages listed above. In addition, they can earn the Seal of Biliteracy if they score proficient on the AAPPL ***within 15 months of graduating*** from High School and demonstrate proficiency in English on the ELA 2 test or OELPA assessment . **The cost of the assessment is \$20** (billed to the student fee account in Infinite Campus after the test is taken).

If you are interested in having your student take the AAPPL assessment (**given on October 15th for Central/Ridgeview students, and October 17th for North/Lakeview students**).

Please fill out the this form: [AAPPL interest form](#)