

STAMP (STAndards-based Measurement of Proficiency) is a web-based test based on national standards that assesses students' language proficiencies at the novice and intermediate levels.

STAMP is an adaptive test that reacts to the students' levels of proficiency and automatically adjusts the difficulty level of the test items for each student. STAMP is used to assess middle-school, high-school and college foreign language students, and can be used for placement and program review purposes.

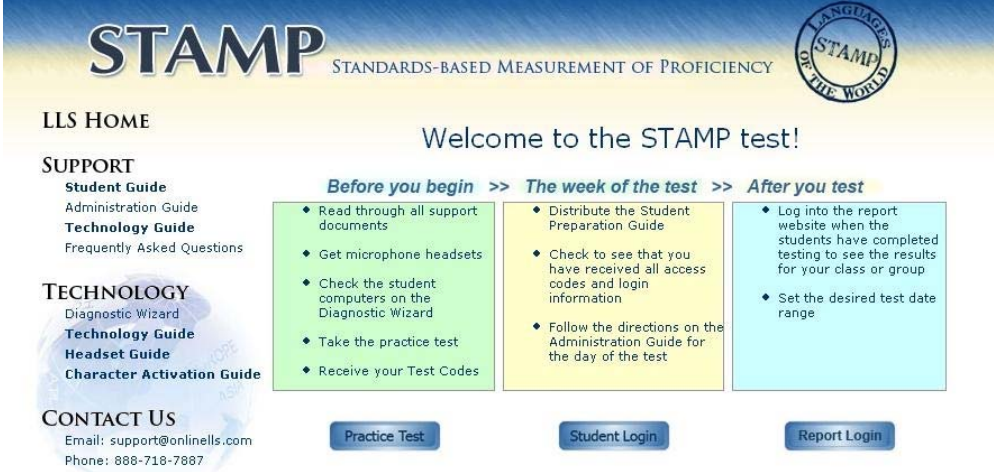
"Of all the standardized tests that have been foisted upon me in my career, this is the only one that has resulted in clear and direct improvement of instruction and student achievement."

John Sisson – Teacher, Prince George's County Public Schools, Maryland

Reports from STAMP provide externally scored, individual results for students and teachers; class-level reports for teachers and coordinators; and building, district, and state-level reports for administrators. The Web-based reporting system allows teacher-playback of all students' oral-responses and the ability to review all students' writing responses.

"Teachers and administrators found the results and data delivered in a usable manner. The data enabled them to address student placement issues, and local, state, and federal reports with ease"

Rita Oleksak – World Language Supervisor, Springfield Public Schools, Springfield, Mass



The screenshot shows the STAMP website home page. At the top, it says "STAMP STANDARDS-BASED MEASUREMENT OF PROFICIENCY" with a circular logo on the right that says "LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD". Below this is a "Welcome to the STAMP test!" message. The page is organized into several sections: "LLS HOME", "SUPPORT" (with links for Student Guide, Administration Guide, Technology Guide, and Frequently Asked Questions), "TECHNOLOGY" (with links for Diagnostic Wizard, Technology Guide, Headset Guide, and Character Activation Guide), and "CONTACT US" (with email and phone information). A central navigation bar has three tabs: "Before you begin", "The week of the test", and "After you test". Under "Before you begin" are links for "Practice Test" and "Student Login". Under "The week of the test" are links for "Student Login" and "Report Login". Under "After you test" is a link for "Report Login".

"From our initial discussions with Avant to our ongoing work with the organization, we have been impressed by the level of professionalism among their staff and the high quality of their assessment tools. Avant continues to provide New Jersey with exceptional customer service in responding to standards-driven assessment needs both on the state and district level."

Janis Jensen – World Languages Coordinator, New Jersey Dept. of Education

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STAMP Facts

- Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Italian and Chinese (Simplified and Traditional)
- Reports show scores at benchmarks 1 to 5 that are related to the ACTFL Performance Guidelines at novice and intermediate levels
- Age appropriate for grades 7 through 16 (13-16 are college levels)
- Reading, Writing and Speaking
- Statistically validated, realia-based, textbook-independent and computer adaptive
- Externally scored with high levels of inter-rater reliability

STAMP Reporting Benefits for Teachers and Programs

- Provides clear, validated data demonstrating program effectiveness -- for progress-checking, program/standards review, curriculum/staff development, and instructional planning
- Longitudinal speaking and writing samples are accessible to teachers
- Reading scores available immediately. Writing/Speaking scores available within three weeks

Try a STAMP test by visiting www.avantassessment.com where you will also find:

- STAMP benchmark levels and scoring rubrics and description of how to interpret them
- Spotlights of Success, newsletters, resources, and a list of our educational partners
- Information about ClassPak, the instructional support tool for world language teachers

STAMP PRICING — for questions or orders, email info@avantassessment.com

STAMP Test pricing consists of a Per-test-fee and an Annual Service Plan.	
STAMP Price per Test	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-skill: Reading, Writing, Speaking • 2-skill: Reading/Writing or Reading/Speaking 	<p>\$17.50 per test</p> <p>\$14.50 per test</p>
<i>Please allow two weeks between ordering and beginning of testing.</i>	
STAMP Annual Fee (required)	\$100.00/year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Annual Service Plan commences with test code delivery.</i> 	

Additional STAMP Program Services	
STAMP Professional Development Basics (recommended)	\$150.00 per session
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Post-Testing Data Review (30 minutes)</i> 	
Custom Professional Development & Data Review Consulting	\$300.00 per hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Available on-line or on-site</i> 	

About Avant Assessment

Avant Assessment provides innovative language assessment solutions that empower informed decision making by merging expertise in assessment, linguistics and technology. Avant works closely with industry specific partners and has an academic research partnership with the Center for Applied Second Language Studies (CASLS), an NFLRC at the University of Oregon. For more information about Avant Assessment's offerings for educators, please contact info@avantassessment.com or 888-718-7887.