



# Language Assessment & Professional Learning Solutions

Helping you create a brighter future  
through the magic of language

PK-12 International Schools  
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# Avant Assessment provides the tools and ecosystem needed to support and inspire lifelong language learning with accuracy, reliability, and affordability.

## We help educators:



Identify desired goals and achievements such as State and Global Seals of Biliteracy credentials, credit by exam, and proficiency pathways.



Conduct regular assessments for benchmarking and proficiency growth measurement.



Analyze the data toward informing decision-making and curriculum.



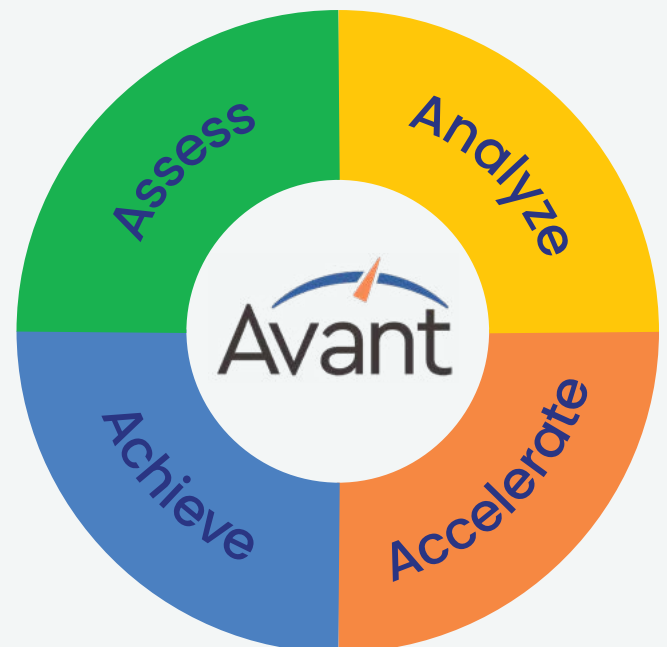
Accelerate growth for educators, at all levels, on proficiency guidelines and curriculum development coaching.

**Assess.** Test for proficiency.

**Analyze.** Examine the data. Set action steps. Target outcomes.

**Accelerate.** Understand the standards. Implement performance-based practices.

**Achieve.** Language learners show what they CAN DO!



Ensuring language proficiency and proven results can start anywhere in the cycle. Let us be your guide!

# ASSESS

<b>STAMP (STAndards-based Measurement of Proficiency)</b>	The world's first online computer-adaptive assessment in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.  STAMP is also appropriate for professional employee and teacher candidate bilingual verification.
<b>STAMP for Young Learners (4Se)</b>	STAMP 4Se is appropriate for younger learners in K-6 elementary/primary school students (ages 5-12) including Dual Language/ Bilingual Immersion Programs
<a href="#"><u>STAMP WS</u></a>	Writing and Speaking assessment for less commonly tested languages.
<b>STAMP Monolingual for Spanish and Arabic</b>	Assessments with instructions, questions, and prompts in the target language for native/ heritage speakers.
<a href="#"><u>Avant SHL</u></a>	Spanish Heritage Language placement test.
<a href="#"><u>Arabic Proficiency Test (APT)</u></a>	Arabic monolingual assessment designed primarily for native Arabic speakers educated in English-medium schools.
<b>Avant STAMP for ASL</b>	The first computer-adaptive American Sign Language test. The Receptive skill will be available first. The Expressive skill will be available shortly after.
<b>Avant STAMP for Latin (Coming soon!)</b>	Latin Reading assessment with authentic classical Latin texts.

**Need help finding the right assessment?  
Contact the Account Manager in your area.**

# About Our Assessments

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Languages

STAMP

STAMP WS

SHL

APT

# Languages Offered

## STAMP 4S

Grades 7 - Adult

Arabic

English

French

German

Hebrew

Hindi

Italian

Japanese

Korean

Mandarin

(Simplified & Traditional)

Polish

Portuguese

(Brazilian)

Russian

Spanish

Spanish Monolingual

## STAMP

### Monolingual

Arabic

Spanish

## STAMP

### for ASL

## STAMP

### for Latin

## STAMP WS

Grade 7-Adult

Amharic

Armenian

Cabo Verdean

Chin (Hakha)

Chuukese

Czech

Filipino (Tagalog)

Haitian-Creole

Hawaiian ('Ōlelo Hawai'i)

Hmong

Ilocano

Kannada

Marathi

Marshallese

Samoaan

Somali Maay Maay

Somali Maxaa

Swahili (3S)

Tamil

Telugu

Turkish

Ukrainian

Urdu

Vietnamese

Yoruba (3S)

Yup'ik

Zomi



## Languages Available:

- Amharic (WS)
- Arabic
- Armenian (WS)
- Caba Verdean (WS)
- Cantonese (4Se)
- Chin (Hakha) (WS)
- Chuukese (WS)
- Czech (WS)
- English
- Filipino (Tagalog) (WS)
- French
- German
- Haitian-Creole (WS)
- Hawaiian (‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i) (WS)
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hmong (WS)
- Ilocano (WS)
- Italian
- Japanese
- Kannada (WS)
- Korean
- Mandarin (Simplified & Traditional)
- Marathi (WS)
- Marshallese (WS)
- Polish
- Portuguese (Brazilian)
- Russian
- Samoan (WS)
- Somali Maay Maay (WS)
- Somali Maxaa (WS)
- Spanish
- Spanish Medical
- Spanish Monolingual
- Swahili (3S)
- Tamil (WS)
- Telugu (WS)
- Turkish (WS)
- Ukrainian (WS)
- Urdu (WS)
- Vietnamese (WS)
- Yoruba (3S)
- Yup’ik (WS & 4Se)
- Zomi (WS)
- STAMP for ASL
- STAMP for Latin (Coming Soon!)

\*Based on ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines

# The Avant STAMP Advantage

## STAndards-based\* MMeasurement of Proficiency

Accelerate Growth in Proficiency

Facilitate Progress Monitoring

Qualify Students for Seals of Biliteracy & Credit-by-Exam

Receive Accurate and Reliable Rating

Fast Results

Avant STAMP Reading and Listening results are available immediately. Writing and Speaking results are scored by Avant certified raters, and are available in 7-10 business days.

Meaningful Data

Avant STAMP results are based on ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. STAMP provides individual, class, school, district or organization reports that are easy to access, analyze and export. Avant STAMP also enables testing coordinators to access Writing and Speaking responses to better understand the performance behind the data. We never delete test taker results so that programs and organizations can conduct detailed longitudinal analysis.

Age-Appropriate Content

Avant STAMP for Young Learners was designed specifically for grades 6 and below (Listening and Speaking for grades K-1). Avant STAMP 4S was developed for grades 7 through higher education and adults. All tests use content appropriate for their respective age groups.

Real World Context

Avant STAMP assesses proficiency in Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking with content that a student would find at their level in the real world.

Implementation Support

Avant’s helpful, responsive support team is here to help with any questions or concerns you may have before, during, and after testing. We are available by email and phone.

Recommended by ACE for College Credit

Avant STAMP and APT assessments have been recommended for college credit by the American College of Education (ACE).



READING



WRITING



LISTENING



SPEAKING

*“Avant STAMP assessments provide real-world tasks for students to gauge their proficiency. The reports include excellent feedback which can be used in lessons with students and in talking with parents and administrators to show measurable progress towards proficiency goals. The adaptive nature of the assessment allows students to feel successful and gain insight into how well they are able to communicate in and understand a different language.”*

– Anna Megyesi,  
Lead Teacher, Spanish  
West Virginia Virtual

*“Knowing that STAMP scores are accurate and a good predictor of students’ success on the language proficiency exam has enabled us to focus on other aspects of our language department while providing our students with an alternative pathway for their educational language requirements.”*

– Monica Frahm, Director of  
the College of Liberal Arts  
Language Testing Program,  
University of Minnesota, MN

## Multiple Testing Options

Avant STAMP offers testing options to accommodate a variety of needs, including on-site or remote proctoring, and a handwritten or keyboarded Writing section, and different skill combinations.

## Adaptive Technology

Avant STAMP uses a multi-stage, adaptive design that allows test takers to demonstrate their proficiency level from Novice-Low to Advanced-High, showing an accurate reflection of proficiency. With each answer, the algorithm creates a unique test experience to fit each tester’s ability. In Avant STAMP 4S, scores in the Reading and Listening sections determine appropriate levels of the Writing and Speaking prompts.

## Saves Time and Energy

The adaptive format makes the Avant STAMP test highly efficient, reducing fatigue and frustration. STAMP produces more accurate results in less time.

## Easy to Setup and Login

Avant STAMP’s group login approach saves time and makes getting test takers logged in quick and easy. Because STAMP is computer-adaptive, coordinators are freed from choosing which testing format each test taker will use.

## Convenient Purchasing Options

Let Avant take the burden of purchasing off your hands! We offer a customizable, online portal where test takers can purchase tests directly from Avant, saving you from the hassle and headache of collecting money.

## Annual Refresh and Additions

Avant Writing and Speaking tasks are replaced and/or supplemented every year. Reading and Listening items are replaced on a regular schedule, based upon several research-based criteria. This helps to ensure test security and maintain high quality assessments.

## Scaled Scores Depict Growth

Avant STAMP provides scores for each of the four skills tested. The Reading and Listening sections are scaled over nine levels from Novice-Low to Advanced-High in most languages to show fine-grained, incremental growth.

## Reliable Technology

The Avant delivery engine is deployed in the cloud and has minimal bandwidth requirements, allowing testing coordinators to test high numbers of learners with minimal to no network problems. Avant STAMP 4S Reading, Writing and Listening sections can be administered on tablet devices, including iPads on iOS 12+ and Chromebooks.

## Appropriate for a Variety of Programs

Avant STAMP tests are widely used by public, private, charter, bilingual, dual language, higher education programs, and corporate and government entities. The option to handwrite responses in the Writing section accommodates young testers who may not have mastered keyboarding.





## Languages Offered Grades 7-Adult

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# STAMP WS (Formerly WorldSpeak)

## Language Proficiency Test of Less Commonly Tested Languages in Writing & Speaking

### Why Avant STAMP WS?

- Accelerate growth in proficiency
- Facilitate progress monitoring
- Promote constructive program analysis and improvement
- Demonstrate program quality
- Qualify for the Global Seal of Biliteracy
- Award Competency-Based Credits

### Advantages of Avant STAMP WS

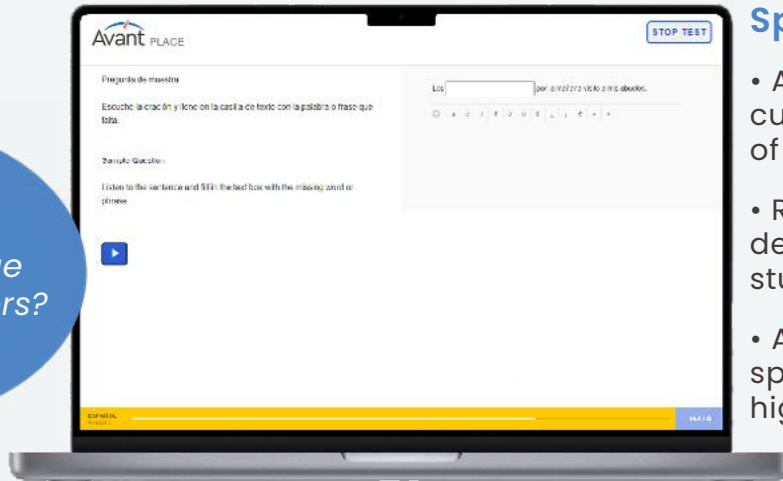
- Valid, accessible, affordable, online assessment
- Assesses Writing and Speaking online
- Responses are scored by Avant certified raters who are members of the language community
- Delivers the most accurate and reliable rating





# SHL Placement Test

## Spanish Heritage Language



### Special Features:

- A web-based, curriculum-neutral test of academic Spanish
- Rapid placement decision for lower-level students
- Advanced writing and speaking assessment of higher-level students

*“While some Spanish heritage speakers are highly proficient in Spanish, others only possess basic speaking and listening skills, so effective assessment for placement has become a critical need.”*

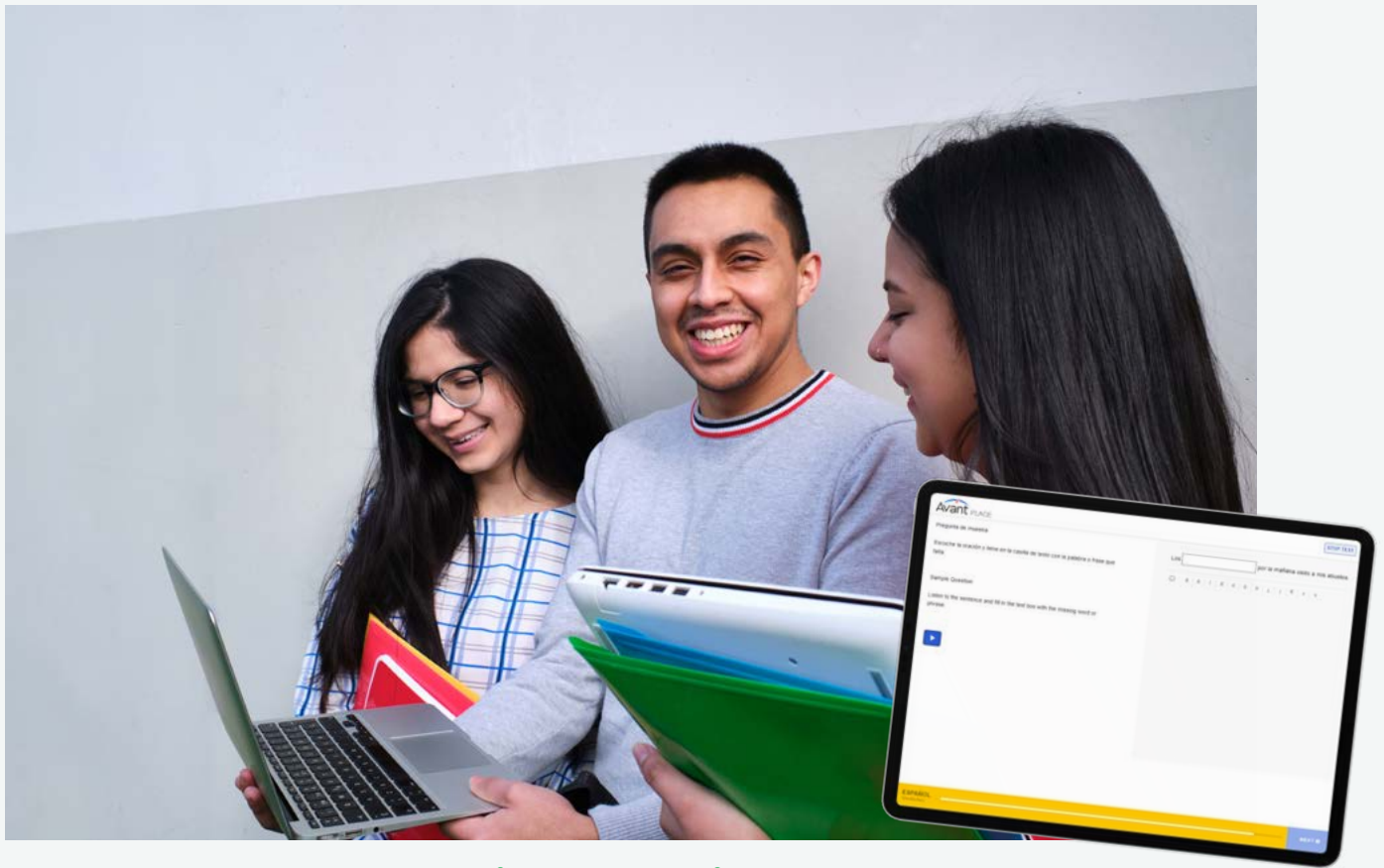
— Dr. Marta Fairclough, Director, Spanish Heritage Language (SHL) Program, University of Houston

### Why choose the Avant SHL Test?

- Accurately places heritage language learners grade 7 through higher education in Spanish language courses.
- Measures grammar, verb use, spelling and vocabulary unique to heritage learners.
- Developed through 10 years of research by a team of Spanish heritage language experts at the University of Houston.

### How does the Avant SHL Test impact Heritage Language instruction?

- Highlights each test taker’s strengths and weaknesses in key academic language areas (unique to heritage learners).
- Facilitates quick placement for lower-level students.
- Provides valuable information to help place heritage learners at the appropriate level.



## The Avant Spanish Heritage Language Test Assesses Key Language Areas:

### STAGE ONE

Self-Assessment  
Lexical Recognition  
(Vocabulary)  
\*Early exit point

### STAGE TWO

Dictation  
Translation  
Sentence Completion  
Verb Conjugation  
\*Early exit point

### STAGE THREE

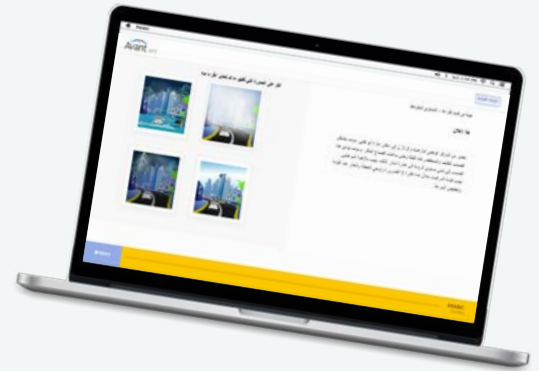
Writing  
Speaking

\*Test takers that do not have high enough scores will exit the test in Stage One or Stage Two

## Arabic Proficiency Test (APT)

Developed in partnership with a leading Arabic educational institution and delivered entirely in modern standard Arabic. The APT is designed to provide an online standards-based measure of general communicative proficiency for native speakers of Arabic. The test is primarily designed for students educated in English-medium international schools.

- Reports detailed data that demonstrate student growth and program effectiveness
- Highlights areas for further instruction, professional development or curriculum changes
- Measures Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking from Novice through Superior
- Reports for individual students, teachers, administrators and parents
- Computer-adaptive, available for three grade bands: 3-5, 6-8, 9-Higher Education



## Avant STAMP for Arabic\*

### \*STANDARDS-based MEASUREMENT of PROFICIENCY

Objective, real-world, web-based assessment used to determine proficiency in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. The Avant STAMP test is a test for individuals studying Arabic as a second or third language.

- Measures student progress
- Provides rich data that promotes constructive program analysis and improvement
- Reports results at multiple levels to demonstrate program quality to all stakeholders
- Informs articulation and placement decisions
- Used to certify Seals of Biliteracy and award credit

## Avant PLACE for Arabic

The Avant PLACE test places learners quickly, easily and accurately in appropriate courses saving time and money. Measures Reading, Contextualized Grammar, Writing and Speaking – all online in about 40 minutes.

- Eases difficult placement decisions for borderline students
- Includes dashboard of demographic data and scores in multiple domains to provide a complete test taker profile
- Educators can access Writing and Speaking responses for review
- Provide responses reviewed by Avant certified raters in 3-5 business days

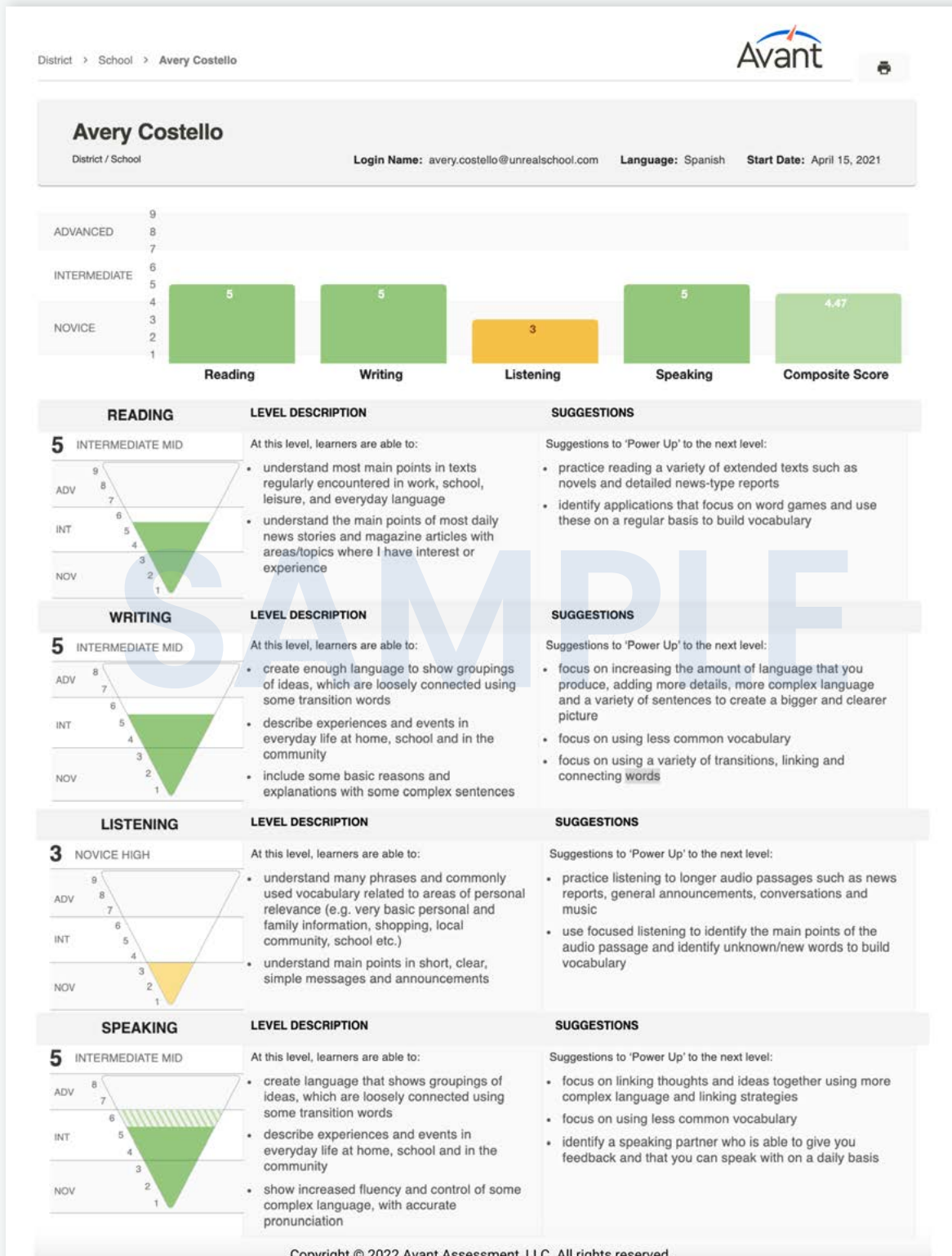
# ANALYZE

Avant's assessments produce actionable data which is routinely used to benchmark learner retention of language skills, growth, and achievements over time.

## Individual Reporting

The image below is a sample Avant Individual Report. Each test taker's results are displayed clearly and color-coded according to the level achieved: Novice, Intermediate, or Advanced.

To the right, the score interpretation is provided as well as suggestions to POWER UP to the next level of proficiency.





# ANALYZE

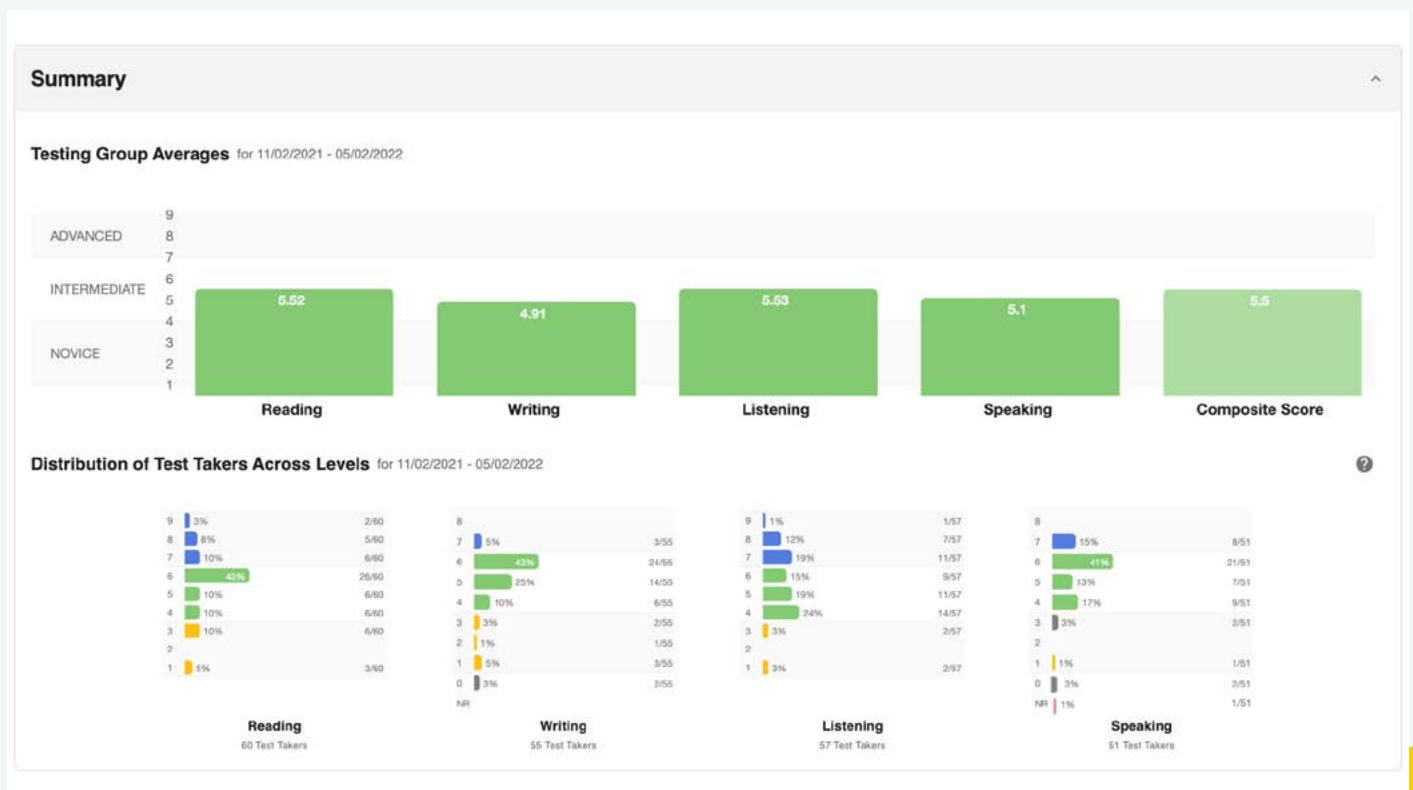
## Group Reporting

Avant's online results portal allows you to monitor testing progress and results by class, teacher, school, and even district-wide for longitudinal analysis. During the setup process, your account manager will assist you in organizing groups so you can easily view your results in a way that meets your needs.

The images below are examples of how data is displayed at the group level.

## Testing Group Averages

The number in the graph for a specific skill represents all test taker scores divided by the number of test takers with a score for the specific skill. The number in the graph for the Composite Score represents all test taker's Composite Scores added together and divided by the total number of test takers.



## Distribution of Test Takers Across Levels

The bar graphs show what percentage of test takers are scoring at each specific level for each skill of the test: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

# TEST RESULTS ANALYSIS SERVICES

We offer training and custom analysis solutions to help you gain a better understanding of what the assessments are telling you and how you can leverage the knowledge of the results to achieve desired outcomes.

## Annual Averages of Test Takers

One of the frequent questions asked by educators is “how do Avant STAMP scores compare to others?”. Each year, Avant aggregates the data from schools and districts and produces an annual averages report.

[Download the 2022 Annual Averages Report.](#)

Pricing for Avant Analysis services is based on the depth of analysis desired and the size of the data set.

**Contact the Account Manager  
in your area to discuss your needs.**

# ACCELERATE with PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

## Empowering Teachers and Administrators

Improved language learning starts with professional development for teachers and administrators. Engage your teams in their understanding of proficiency descriptors, assessment analysis, and data-informed curriculum practices.

Avant MORE Learning is your guide to understanding language proficiency and implementing proven data-informed teaching and hiring practices. All of our professional learning is designed and delivered by accomplished world language educators who have used these practices.

Offerings range from 1-hour to multi-day workshops. Solutions may be customized to meet your needs and budget.



## We train educators on:

- Understanding the ACTFL Proficiency Descriptors as they relate to curriculum and assessment.
- Leveraging ACTFL Proficiency Descriptors for formative assessment.
- Evaluate the quality of assessments and content for outcome-based approaches.
- Benchmarking with accurate and reliable assessment.
- Analyzing assessment data with an eye toward informing teaching practices.
- Real-world practices for all education types including second language, dual language, heritage schools and bilingual curriculum settings.

## We develop leaders by:

- Providing opportunities for emerging leaders to shine, highlighting and celebrating their journeys.
- Supporting state and national initiatives.
- Counseling, coaching, advising and supporting programs, administrators and teachers.

**A conversation is free!**

**Talk to one of our Avant MORE Learning experts about your needs.**

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**“Avant’s professional development team worked overtime to craft learning sessions that were meaningful and relevant for both new and veteran teachers. Our teachers explored the differences between performance and proficiency along with turnkey instructional strategies based on best practices.”**

– Angela Sherman, Ph.D., Senior Director Bilingual Education & World Language Programs, Detroit Public Schools



## Bringing the Standards to Life

Avant ADVANCE is our online, flexible, and affordable training tool widely used by professionals to understand the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. The key to understanding assessment and its power to transform learning and hiring practices is having a solid grasp of the various proficiency levels and what it means the test taker can do with the language.



### Avant ADVANCE is offered in the following languages:

Arabic	French	Italian	Russian
English	German	Japanese	Spanish
	Hebrew	Mandarin Chinese	

## Why Avant ADVANCE?

- Learn how to grade according to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines with online training sessions developed by Avant master raters.
- Internalize the proficiency standards by learning level-specific features and criteria that define the different levels.
- Improve program effectiveness by helping teachers score together with higher accuracy, confidence, and inter-rater reliability.

### Benefits to Teachers

- Learn the standards anytime, anywhere with online training.
- Receive instant feedback on scoring to accelerate learning.
- Enjoy unlimited access to practice scoring exercises to refresh and hone rating skills.
- Receive PDUs for training.

### Benefits to Students

- Students reach higher levels of proficiency when their teachers understand and apply the standards.
- Students gain clear understanding of the levels to increase their own proficiency.
- Ensure that student proficiency scores are consistent across classrooms.

### Benefits to Districts

- Train more teachers quickly and conveniently at moderate prices.
- Districts in which all teachers consistently teach to the standards have better outcomes across all classrooms.
- Encourages collaboration among language programs across schools.
- Ensure that student proficiency scores are consistent across the district.

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in your area to discuss your needs.**

# ACHIEVE

Nothing motivates like success! Students stick with a language program when they know they are acquiring the language. Successful teachers are motivated in their work. Program administrators who see growth, support programs.

Your school or district can take advantage of one or several of the following program goals to help your students achieve.

## Global Seal of Biliteracy

The Avant STAMP 4S, STAMP WS, and APT are accepted by the [Global Seal of Biliteracy](#). The Global Seal is available to students and non-students alike, including any level of professional.

## Credit-by-Exam

Both secondary and post-secondary educational institutions are increasingly accepting language proficiency assessments for credit and placement into higher-level language courses. [Texas is one such state.](#)

## Avant STAMP and APT Assessments Recommended for College Credit by ACE

Avant's assessments have been certified by the [American Council on Education \(ACE\)](#) to qualify learners for college credit. ACE is the same educational body that has provided credit recommendations to institutions of higher education for College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations, Cambridge Assessments, and ACT subject tests. This provides opportunities for students to earn credit or be placed in higher-level courses to advance their language skills.

Test takers who receive a Novice-High score, or above, are eligible to receive an Avant digital certification badge. Badges can be placed on social media profiles, attached to resumes, or transcripts to demonstrate the language proficiency level achieved. There is no limit to the number of badges a test taker can earn.

### [Learn About the ACE Review Process](#)

[Watch this video](#) where Dr. Victor Santos, Director of Assessment and Research at Avant, explains the rigorous process the STAMP and APT assessments underwent to receive the ACE recommendation.

## Avant STAMP Earns Illinois Teachers World Language Endorsement

Students aren't the only ones achieving! Learn more about how the Avant STAMP assessments are [qualifying Illinois teachers for their bilingual education or world language endorsement](#) with the Global Seal of Biliteracy.

# AvantProctor

AvantProctor uses the power of video communication to allow test takers to take an assessment at home, although normally completed in a classroom setting. Avant ensures that AvantProctor meets our most rigorous standards for security to maintain the integrity of our language assessments. Avant's highly trained proctors use our secure platform that provides screen recording activity as well as the video feed from the test taker's computer camera. The proctor confirms the test taker's identity and actively monitors the assessment. The proctor can interact with the test taker as needed to confirm that the test is secure.

- Highly Trained Proctors
- Chromebooks Compatible
- Safe, Secure & FERPA Compliant
- ID Verification
- Intuitive User Interface

**Talk to your Account Manager if you'd like to learn more about remote proctoring.**

# Pricing

Avant is committed to affordable assessment and professional learning solutions. Education institutions receive a discounted rate and additional discounts for greater volumes. We will work with you to find a solution that fits your budget.

Assessments	2 to 19	20 to 99	100 to 499	500+
Avant STAMP 4S & 4Se and APT (except Hebrew)	\$39.90	\$24.90	\$22.90	\$19.90
Avant STAMP WS	\$39.90	\$24.90	\$22.90	\$19.90
Avant SHL Test Option A	\$18.90	\$18.90	\$14.90	\$12.90
Avant SHL Option B	\$15.90	\$15.90	\$11.90	\$9.90
Avant SHL Option C	\$13.90	\$13.90	\$9.90	\$7.90
Test Section Retake	\$10			
AvantProctor Remote Proctoring Option	\$15 per session			
Avant STAMP for ASL	\$49.90	\$34.90	\$32.90	\$29.90
Avant STAMP for Latin	\$13.90	\$11.90	\$10.90	\$9.90

# Avant MORE Learning Pricing

Services Provided	Duration	Delivery Model	Price
Standard Avant Product Overview and Best Practices Orientation	1 hour	Virtual	\$350
Full Day Workshop	8 hours	Virtual	\$1,725
Full Day Workshop	8 hours	Face-to-Face	\$3,400
Half Day Workshop	Up to 4 hours	Virtual	\$1,040
Data Dive Training for Data-Informed Instructional Practices	Up to 3 hours	Virtual	\$1,400
Customized Professional Learning Webinar	1 - 1.5 hours	Virtual	\$700
ADVANCE	1 year license	Virtual	\$299
ADVANCE Together	1 (6 virtual sessions, up to 25 people)	Virtual	\$4,150

**Ask us about our Teacher Toolbox Series and other virtual learning opportunities!**

# Contact Your Account Manager

Our account managers are committed to addressing your needs and figuring out ways to help you achieve your goals. We will guide you through Avant's many services that help lead to greater success.

Reach out to the team member in your field.



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## Why Avant?

Avant Assessment is dedicated to language proficiency solutions that center around improving teaching, learning, and engagement of languages. Avant provides solutions for the entire proficiency improvement cycle including assessment, analysis, professional learning, and goal setting. Avant's proficiency and placement tests, offered in more than 40 languages, cover a range of needs for individuals, schools, corporations, and agencies. For more than 20 years, Avant has delivered the world's first online and adaptive four-skill (Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking) language proficiency assessment known as Avant STAMP, STAndards-based Measurement of Proficiency, originally developed in collaboration with the University of Oregon. Avant's solutions are about real-world proficiency development by pairing innovative technologies with human expertise. For more information, visit [avantassessment.com](http://avantassessment.com).