

Required Passing Standards on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Examinations for Texas Certification

For each language, the State Board for Educator Certification or Commissioner of Education has approved a passing standard. There is a different standard depending on the type of certificate (i.e., Languages Other Than English (LOTE) vs. Bilingual).

Each language certificate requires an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and a Writing Proficiency Test (WPT). If a candidate passes at a high enough level for both certificates, both passing tests will be put on the candidate's record. This is to prevent the need for a candidate to take the same test twice.

Arabic

For LOTE certificates:

- 605 LOTE: Arabic Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 600 LOTE: Arabic Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

For Bilingual Education certificates:

- 614 Bilingual Arabic Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 615 Bilingual Arabic Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

Chinese (Mandarin)

For LOTE certificates:

- 606 LOTE: Chinese Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 601 LOTE: Chinese Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

For Bilingual Education certificates:

- 618 Bilingual Chinese Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 619 Bilingual Chinese Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

Hindi

For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):

- 622 LOTE: Hindi Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 623 LOTE: Hindi Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

Italian

For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):

- 624 LOTE: Italian Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 625 LOTE: Italian Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

Japanese

For LOTE certificates:

- 607 LOTE: Japanese Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 602 LOTE: Japanese Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

For Bilingual Education certificates:

- 616 Bilingual Japanese Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 617 Bilingual Japanese Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

Korean

For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):

- 630 LOTE: Korean Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 631 LOTE: Korean Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

Portuguese

For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):

- 632 LOTE: Portuguese Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 633 LOTE: Portuguese Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

Russian

For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):

- 608 LOTE: Russian Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 603 LOTE: Russian Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

Turkish

For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):

- 626 LOTE: Turkish Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 627 LOTE: Turkish Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

Vietnamese

For LOTE certificates:

- 609 LOTE: Vietnamese Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Mid)
- 604 LOTE: Vietnamese Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

For Bilingual Education certificates:

- 620 Bilingual Vietnamese Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 621 Bilingual Vietnamese Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)