
Credit by Examination for LOTE

What is Credit by Examination (CBE) for Languages Other Than English (LOTE)?

World language examinations are available for any student in grades 9 – 12 who is a native speaker in a foreign language, has traveled or studied in a foreign country, or is currently enrolled in a prerequisite foreign language course.

In April 2019, the District partnered with Avant Assessments and Language Testing International to provide testing instruments that will assess students' abilities in Languages Other Than English, replacing the Texas Tech versions. This includes phone-based and computer-based assessments.

Who may apply?

Students in Grades 9-12 may apply for examinations with counselor, principal, and parent approval. Students must apply through the school counselor. Applications must be submitted to Assessment. Please refer to page 10 in the CEFA/CBE manual for specific directions to register students online for LOTE exams.

How Do Students Attain Credit?

LOTE exams are based on a proficiency level grading system: Novice Mid, Low Range Novice High, High Range Novice High, and Intermediate Low. Students who are tested can be awarded up to 2 credits.

- To receive course(s) credit(s), high school students **with no prior instruction** must score as outlined below on an approved language proficiency test. These language proficiency levels equate to a performance of 80% or above and thereby meet the standard set by the state.

Novice Mid: Level 1a Credit
Low range Novice High: Level 1b Credit
High range Novice High: Level 2a Credit
Intermediate Low: Level 2b Credit

- To receive course(s) credit(s), high school students **with prior instruction** must score as outlined below on an approved language proficiency test. These language proficiency levels equate to a

performance of 70% or above and thereby meet the standard set by the state.

For non-logographic languages:

Low Range Novice Mid: Level 1a Credit

High Range Novice Mid: Level 1b Credit

Novice High: Level 2a Credit

Intermediate Low: Level 2b Credit

For logographic languages:

Novice Low: Level 1a Credit

Low range Novice Mid: Level 1b Credit

High range Novice Mid: Level 2a Credit

Novice High: Level 2b Credit

The supervisor of foreign language may recommend additional tests to be used to assess students' abilities in foreign language. Any examination recommended by the supervisor of foreign language will be certified that it provides a valid measure of a student's language proficiency and that these measures of proficiency levels equate to the performance standards set by the state in EHDC (Legal).