

Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy

Non-Approved World Language Assessments: For Potential Use with Portfolio Method*

The assessments in this list have been requested for approval but are not approved for the Standard Assessment Method as they do not meet our [required criteria](#). However, **these assessments can be used as a part of the Alternative Evidence (Portfolio) Method to qualify for the Seal or Commendation.**

For any non-approved assessment, it is the district’s or nonpublic school’s responsibility to determine the minimum qualifying score as equivalent to the scores that ISBE has set: “Intermediate High” for the Seal and “Intermediate Low” for the Commendation (per [ACTFL’s 2012 Proficiency Guidelines](#)). If the non-approved assessment uses ACTFL, CEFR, or ILR scores for its ratings, then the district or nonpublic school must defer to that. For more information on the Alternative Evidence Method, please see [this document](#).

As a reminder, **if the desired target language is covered by an assessment that ISBE has already approved, then that assessment must be used.**

Please see [this list](#) for approved assessments.

Assessments	Languages	Domains Covered
AVANT World Speak	Amharic, Armenian, Cabo Verdean, Chin (Hakha), Chuukese, Czech, Filipino (Tagalog), Haitian Creole, Hawaiian (‘Ōlelo Hawai’i), Hmong, Ilocano, Kannada, Marathi, Marshallese, Samoan, Somali Maay Maay, Somali Maxaa, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese, Yup’ik, Zomi	Writing and Speaking
Lithuanian Proficiency Exam	Lithuanian	Unknown
University of Pennsylvania Language Testing	Afrikaans, American Sign Language, Amharic, Bengali, Cantonese, Chichewa, Chinese, Czech, Filipino, Hausa, Hungarian, Igbo, Indonesian, Irish Gaelic, Japanese, Judeo-Spanish, Kannada, Korean, Malagasy, Malayalam, Marathi, Modern Greek, Panjabi, Pashtu, Persian, Polish, Quechua, Setswana, Shanghainese, Shona, Spanish, Sudanese Arabic, Swahili, Taiwanese, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrinya, Turkish, Twi, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Wolof, Yoruba, Zulu	Unknown

*Also referred to as “Alternative Evidence Method”

