


# World Language HS Graduation Requirement

## Do you speak Spanish?

Yes – See Options 

No – You will take Spanish 1A/1B

## Bilingual Options

Option #1 – Take the Proficiency Test

Option #2 – Test out of Spanish courses

Option #3 – Take Spanish in class - Taking Spanish will increase your literacy, spelling, and vocabulary skills!

## The Proficiency Test

The proficiency test is a method of measuring your Spanish skills. To pass the proficiency test, you need to be considered a “novice” Spanish Speaker – you can read a little, write a little, and speak a little.

**Advantages to taking this test?** You do not need to take Spanish. Based on your results, you will be placed in another course that fits your needs or interests. Your transcript will display “World Language Credit” with 2 credits. Your world language graduation requirement will be complete. Keep in mind, however, if you are college bound, some 4-year universities prefer 2 full years of a foreign language. In this case, think about testing out instead.

## Test Out

Testing out of a course means that you attempt to take the final exam of any course – Spanish 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B – without taking the class. If you earn a 77% or higher on the final exam, you will receive a ½ credit of each course listed on your transcript. You will have to pass each of the 4 tests to earn 2 your world language graduation requirement.

**Advantage to testing out?** The Spanish courses will be listed on your transcript if you pass and you will not have to take the courses. You will earn a “CR” for credit on your transcript for each course that you successfully test out of.

## Options after the Proficiency Test

1. If needed: ELL Support in Math or ELA
2. Opportunity to take an additional elective option.
3. An advanced Spanish course that will prepare you for the Seal of Biliteracy test.

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## Seal of Biliteracy

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given to graduating seniors by the Michigan Department of Education in recognition of students who have attained proficiency in English and one or more languages by high school graduation. This is an amazing opportunity for potential future employers, colleges and universities to recognize and give credit to applicants for their high-level skills. It is a benefit for the labor market!