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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 the Global Seal of Biliteracy credential, advanced placement in language programs, and proficiency pathways.



Conduct regular assessments for benchmarking and proficiency growth measurement.



Understand the story the data is telling to inform decision-making or curriculum.



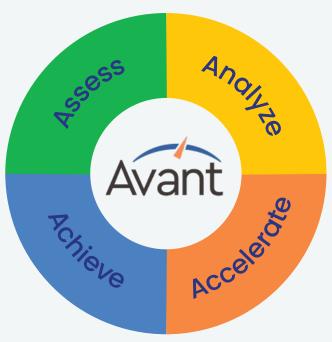
Accelerate growth for educators, at all levels, on proficiency guidelines and curriculum development coaching.

**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**

STAMP (STAndards-based Measurement of Proficiency)	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.	
STAMP WS	Writing and Speaking assessment for less commonly tested languages.	
STAMP Monolingual for Spanish and Arabic	Assessments with instructions, questions, and prompts in the target language for native/heritage speakers.	
Avant SHL	Spanish Heritage Language placement test.	
Arabic Proficiency Test (APT)	Arabic monolingual assessment designed primarily for native Arabic speakers educated in English-medium schools.	
Avant STAMP for ASL	The first computer-adaptive American Sign Language test. The Receptive skill is available now. The Expressive skill will be available soon.	
Avant STAMP for Latin	Computer-adaptive reading assessment using Classical Latin texts which would have been (or were) used for communication in the Ancient World.	

#### We Offer a Public API!

Integrate with your institution's student record system through our public API.

Our API allows you to directly download test results into your Student Information System (SIS) without needing to log in to the results dashboard. Once coded by your institution, the results can be used by advisors to help accurately place students into your language program, automatically check off graduation requirements or pre-requisite courses, or even be sent to students through internal secure systems on your network in order to adhere to FERPA regulations.

# About Our Assessments

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Languages
STAMP
STAMP WS
SHL

### Languages Offered

STAMP 4S

Arabic

English

French

German

Hebrew

Hindi

Italian

Japanese

Korean

Mandarin (Simplified & Traditional)

Polish

Portuguese (Brazilian)

Russian

Spanish

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

Samoan

Somali Maay Maay

Somali Maxaa

Swahili (3S)

Tamil

Telugu

Turkish

Ukrainian

Urdu

Vietnamese

Yoruba (3S)

Yup'ik

Zomi



#### Languages Available:

#### **Avant STAMP 4S**

- Arabic
- English
- French
- German
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Mandarin (Simplified & Traditional)
- Polish
- Portuguese (Brazilian)
- Russian
- Spanish
- Spanish Monolingual

# The Avant STAMP Advantage

### STAndards-based\* Measurement of Proficiency

**Accelerate Growth in Proficiency** 

**Facilitate Progress Monitoring** 

**Qualify Students for Credentials & Credit** 

Receive Accurate and Reliable Rating

**Accurately Place in Higher-Level Courses** 

#### **Fast Results**

Avant STAMP Reading and Listening results are available immediately. Writing and Speaking results are scored by 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 and district reports that are easy to access, analyze and export. Avant STAMP also enables educators to access student Speaking and Writing responses to better understand the performance behind the data. We never delete test results so that programs can conduct detailed longitudinal analysis.

#### **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.

\*Based on ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines









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.

#### **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 skill. With each answer, the algorithm creates a unique test experience. In Avant STAMP 4S, scores in the Reading and Listening sections determine appropriate levels of the Speaking and Writing 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 rostoring approach saves time and makes getting test takers logged in quick and easy. Because STAMP is computer-adaptive, educators are freed from choosing which test form 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.

#### **Annual Refresh and Additions**

Avant Writing and Speaking prompts are replaced and/or supplemented every year. Reading and Listening questions 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 sections. The Reading and Listening sections are scaled over nine levels from Novice-Low to Advanced-High in most languages to show finegrained, incremental growth.

#### Reliable Technology

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

#### Appropriate for a Variety of Programs

Avant tests are widely used by public, private, charter, bilingual multicultural, dual-language immersion, higher education programs, and employers.



### Languages Offered Grades 7-Adult

- 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
- Swahili (3S)
- Tamil
- Telugu
- Turkish
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Vietnamese
- Yoruba (3S)
- Yup'ik

# **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 Global Seals of Biliteracy
- Award Competency-Based Credits
- Accurately place students in higher-level courses

#### **Advantages of Avant STAMP WS**

- Valid, accessible, affordable, online assessment
- Assesses Writing and Speaking online
- Responses are scored by trained and 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."

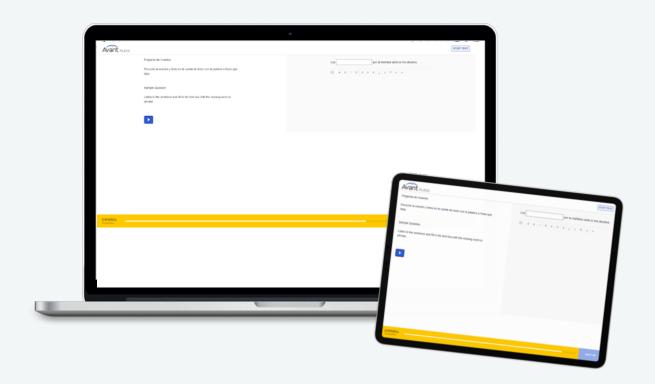
Dr. Marta Fairclough,
 Director, Spanish Heritage
 Language (SHL) Program,
 University of Houston

#### Why choose the Avant SHL Test?

- Accurately places heritage language learners 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)
\*Farly exit point

#### **STAGE TWO**

Dictation
Translation
Sentence Completion
Verb Conjugation
\*Early exit point

#### **STAGE THREE**

Writing Speaking

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

### The Avant PLACE Advantage

## Placement Test in Reading, Contextualized Grammar, Writing, & Speaking

#### **Quick and Easy Placement**

Avant PLACE provides administrators with reliable and accurate data in 5 business days or sooner, allowing you to efficiently make placement decisions for students. Suggested placement levels correspond directly with higher education course levels.

#### **Comprehensive Data**

Institutions receive a comprehensive dashboard displaying demographic data, individual section scores, and recommended placement levels designed to be user-friendly.

#### Customizable

Avant PLACE is available in three different formats, allowing for a focus on the skills of your choice:

- **Option A**: Reading, Contextualized Grammar, Writing, and Speaking sections, scored by certified Avant raters in 5 business days or sooner.
- **Option B**: Reading, Contextualized Grammar, and Writing sections scored by certified Avant raters in 5 business days or sooner.
- Option C: Reading and Contextualized Grammar, computer scored by Avant and available immediately, plus an unscored writing response section that can be referenced in borderline placement cases.

### Reduces Stress for Educators and Administrators

The in-depth data saves time and energy for staff that could otherwise be spent on analyzing student transcripts. Administrators have the opportunity to review Avant's suggested placement levels and student writing and speaking samples before making final placement determinations.

#### **Consistency in Placement**

Testing incoming students with Avant PLACE ensures that administrators have reliable data without having to rely on high school transcripts.

#### **Convenient Testing**

Avant PLACE does not require a proctor! It can be taken online anytime, anywhere in about 40 minutes.

#### **Boosts Student Confidence**

Students start their courses feeling assured that they are in the course that best fits their skills.

#### **Individual Attention**

In recognition of the uniqueness of each language program, Avant will work with an institution to fine-tune reporting to fit its placement levels.



#### **Test Taker Info**

The test taker's First Name and Last Name from the Self Evaluation screen are displayed here. The login name is available on the Results Summary Download only.

#### **Test Scores**

Reading Comprehension, Reading Grammar, Writing, and Speaking

#### **Self-Evaluation**

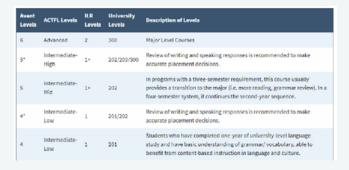
This is an average of the test taker's responses to the test's five self-evaluation questions.

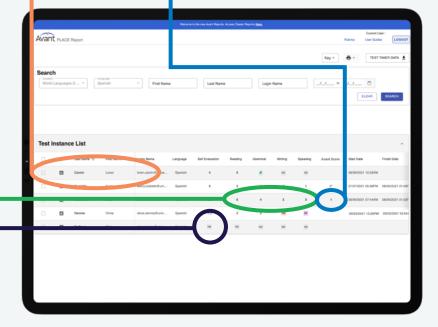
#### Languages Available

- Arabic
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Mandarin
   (Simplified & Traditional)
- Spanish

#### **Placement Level**

Recommended placement level that ties to the suggested levels chart.





#### What skills are scored?

- Reading<sup>1</sup>
- Writing
- Speaking
- Contextualized Grammar<sup>2</sup>
- 1. Except Arabic
- 2. Except Arabic, Chinese, & Italian

"The accuracy, consistency, and efficiency of Avant's PLACE Assessment has helped students, instructors, and staff at California State University at San Bernardino develop a more successful world language program. Statistics from Cal State show that Avant's PLACE Assessment has a high level of accuracy in determining the language course level for a student. The tests are simple to administer, easy for students to use, and are completely online."

Alysha Timmons, Director,
 Multimedia Language Center,
 Cal State University San Bernardino



## Avant Arabic Language Tests

#### **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 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
- Provides responses reviewed by certified raters in 3-5 business days

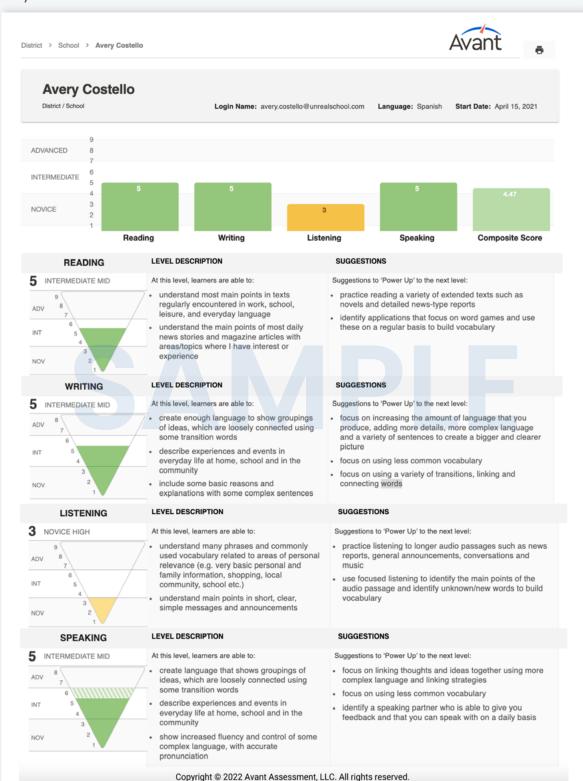
### **ANALYZE**

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**

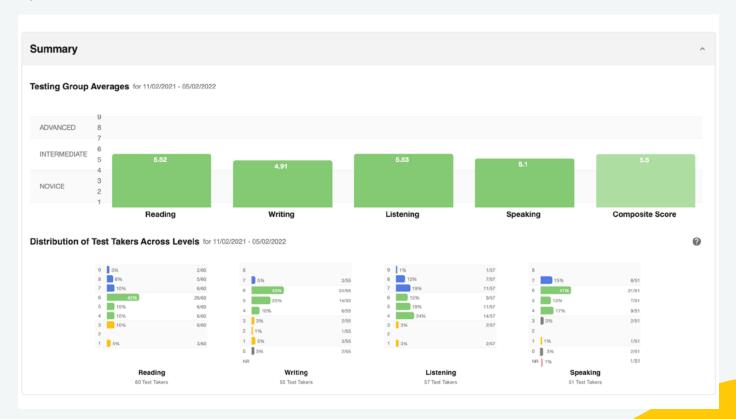
#### **Group Reporting**

Avant's online results portal allows you to monitor testing progress and results by class, teacher, language program, and even institution-wide for longitudinal analysis. During the setup process, our Higher Ed Specialist 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.

# INSTITUTION 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 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 our Higher Ed Specialist 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 types of programs including second language, dual-language immersion, 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!

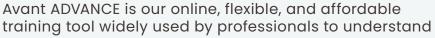
Talk to one of our Avant MORE Learning experts about your needs.

morelearning@avantassessment.com

"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





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

English

ch Italian

Japanese

Spanish

Mandarin Chinese

Hebrew

German

Russian

#### 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 Students**

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

#### **Benefits to Educators**

- 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 Institutions**

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

Contact our Higher Ed Specialist 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 institution 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 <u>Global Seal of Biliteracy</u>. The Global Seal is available to students and non-students alike, including any level of professional.

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

Avant's assessments have been recommended by the <u>American Council on Education</u> (ACE) to qualify learners for college placement. 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.

### 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, which is normally completed in a classroom setting, at home. 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 our Higher Ed Specialist 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 and APT (except Hebrew)	\$39.90	\$24.90	\$22.90	\$19.90
STAMP WS	\$39.90	\$24.90	\$22.90	\$19.90
Avant PLACE Option A and SHL	\$18.90	\$18.90	\$14.90	\$12.90
Avant PLACE Option B	\$15.90	\$15.90	\$11.90	\$9.90
Avant PLACE 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

### **Contact Our Higher Ed Specialist**

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

Reach out to our Higher Ed Specialist to discuss your needs.



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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.