

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summer of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
December 21, 2023

OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

- J. Approval to update Mississippi Seal of Biliteracy assessment list to include additional assessments from the previously approved vendors for use in determining student levels of language proficiency

(See attached list)

In accordance with Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 28.8, State Board Policy Chapter 28, Rule 28.8, the MDE will provide a list of approved assessments for use in determining student levels of language proficiency for awarding local seals of biliteracy. The assessments include the language domains (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) that are appropriate for the given language, the modes of communication (interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational) appropriate for the language and adhere to the major levels of proficiency as described by the American Council of the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

The MDE released a request for qualifications on September 27, 2022. After a panelist review, the MDE recommended vendors that met all required components of the scope of services for inclusion on the MDE Approved List of Mississippi Seal of Biliteracy proficiency assessments. The SBE approved this list on December 15, 2022. Additional assessments have been added from the approved vendors.

Vendors must work with districts to ensure that testing and reports are provided within the deadline requirements of the school district. Assessments for each of the world language assessments must align with the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines and/or Performance Descriptors as well as the Mississippi World Languages Standards.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: December 15, 2022 – June 30, 2025
- Total Amount to be Awarded: No MDE funds will be expended
- Method of Award: Districts are responsible for payment to vendor

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Mississippi Department of Education
 Approved List of Assessments for the Mississippi Seal of Biliteracy
 Proficiency Assessments and Vendors
 For Use by Districts and Schools
 December 21, 2023**

Vendor Name	Assessment Name
<i>Avant Assessment</i>	<p><i>STAMP 4S Assessments</i> Arabic, English, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, Spanish, Spanish Monolingual</p> <p><i>STAMP WS Assessments</i> Amharic, Armenian, Cabo Verdean, Chin (Haka), Chuukese, Czech, Filipino (Tagalog), Haitian-Creole, Hawaiian ('Olelo Hawai'i), Hmong, Ilocano, Kannada, Marathi, Marshallese, Samoan, Somali Maay Maay, Somali Maxaa, Swahili (3-skill R,W,S), Tamil, Telugu, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese, Yoruba (3-skill R,W,S), Yup'ik, Zomi</p> <p><i>STAMP Assessments</i> American Sign Language, Latin</p>
<i>Data Recognition Corporation</i>	<i>Spanish</i>