

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADMEIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
December 15, 2022

OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

D. Approval of Mississippi Seal of Biliteracy proficiency assessments and vendors for use in determining student levels of bilingual language proficiency

Vendors: (See attached list)

In accordance with Mississippi State Board of Education Policy Chapter 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).

A Request for Qualifications (RFQs) was released, and proposed vendors were reviewed by a panel with expertise in world languages and English learners. Vendors that met all required components of the scope of services were approved for inclusion on the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Approved List of Mississippi Seal of Biliteracy proficiency assessments.

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 will be responsible for payment

Funding Source: N/A

Summary of Selection Process:

A selection committee reviewed acceptable RFQs which were completed, timely submitted, and met the qualifications. Only vendors that met all required components will be placed on the SBE approved MDE MS Seal of Biliteracy proficiency assessments list.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Overview and Work Plan
- B. Assessment Components
- C. Assessment Scoring Reporting
- D. Reliability and Validity
- E. Developmental Appropriateness
- F. Reliability and Validity

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Mississippi Department of Education
 Approved List of Assessment for the Mississippi Seal of Biliteracy
 Proficiency Assessments and Vendors
 For Use by Districts and Schools
 December 15, 2022**

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>
<i>Data Recognition Corporation</i>	<i>Spanish</i>