



SA Tamil School - Avant Exam:

Frequently Asked Questions

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1) What is Avant world language STAMP-WS testing and why should the students take it?

Avant is a private organization that administers "standardized" world language tests. Tamil test is one of the languages that is offered by Avant.

The student will get a Global Seal of Biliteracy Award from Avant and Global Seal of Biliteracy organization depending upon their performance in the Avant-STAMP_WS Tamil language test. In order to reach out to local school districts and charter schools to recognize Tamil Language curriculum offered by SA Tamil School as a substitute for School systems' World Languages requirement – need to provide evidence of acceptable score in the test offered by Avant along with the curriculum from SA Tamil School.

2) What is the advantage of taking the test?

If students fulfill all the requirements (get the required score in Avant test, be in High school, and complete the required course curriculum in SA Tamil School) those students need not take any other foreign language courses in high school if the school recognizes and accepts the Avant test scores in lieu of the tests offered by High Schools. The World Languages requirement to graduate from high school would be fulfilled by the combination of courses in SA Tamil School and an acceptable score (Intermediate high to advanced low level of performance in proficiency) in the Avant test. However, there is no precedence yet in San Antonio and hence student and parent will have to approach the individual schools to know their policies and explore on a case-by-case basis. SA Tamil School can provide the support to students as per individual case.

3) Who can take this test?

Current students of SA Tamil School studying in the levels 2A or 2B and who are concurrently in high school can take this test.

4) Is the test mandatory for 2A and 2B students?

No. This test is not a mandatory test to get a completion certificate from SA Tamil School. Only those students who are interested and willing to take the test can take it. This will be a valuable addition to their resume and college application.

5) Can this test be taken any time after 2B? If so, when should it be ideally taken?

The test can be taken if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- a) The student is in high school
- b) The student is a current student of SA Tamil School
- c) The student has completed level 2A and/or 2B in SA Tamil School

Ideally, the test is taken after the student has completed grade 9 in High School. Students who did not attend SA Tamil School, but have required proficiency in Tamil can also take the test as an individual by contacting Avant testing agency. However, they may not get the discounted price for the test.

6) Who will conduct the test and pay for the test?



If a child who fulfills the above 3 requirements wants to take the test, SA Tamil School will conduct the test and pay for that child to take the test one time. If they could not get the required score in the first attempt and would like to take another attempt, student will have to pay for the test.

7) How much does it cost for the test?

Costs for the tests can be obtained from Avant's website. The list price is \$79 per student per test, if taken individually. It costs approximately around \$25 per student per test if the student takes the test via SA Tamil School since we order the test in bulk.

8) Is Tamil typing a must for taking the test?

Tamil typing is **not mandatory** for students to take this test. Students **can also hand-write** their answers on paper, scan and upload online. However, SA Tamil School encourages students to learn typing in Tamil as it is beneficial for errors correction instead of striking out and writing or re-writing. Avant does not allow writing with pencil and hence erasing is not an option while hand written response.

9) Do we need to train the students to take this test?

Based on information available regarding the tests, any native speaker or heritage learner who is also proficient in writing in Tamil can take the test. However, SA Tamil School recommends completing the Tamil School curriculum and getting additional training will benefit the students intending to take this test.

10) How long does it take to take the test?

Even though there is no time limit imposed by Avant, they suggest that it can take 30-40 mins per section. SA Tamil School expects a student to consume between three (3) and five (5) hours to take the test.

11) Is it a fixed duration test? If not, how long can we take to complete the test?

Even though there is no time limit imposed by Avant, SA Tamil School expects a student to consume between three (3) and four (4) hours to complete the test.

12) How many questions are asked in written and speaking sections?

Three questions for which answers should be typed or written; three additional questions for which answers should be answered orally and recorded.

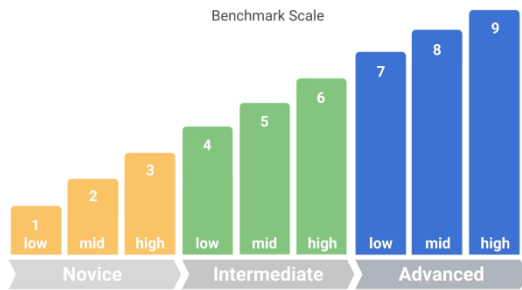
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In Avant STAMP tests, test takers will enter a Dashboard to begin testing.

- **Self-Evaluation Reading** section has **seven (7) Can Do Questions** that must be completed before the Writing section.
- **Self-Evaluation Listening** section has **seven (7) Can Do Questions** that must be completed before the Speaking section.
- **The Writing and Speaking** sections will have **three (3) prompts** each.

Self-evaluation guide: <https://www.avantassessment.com/guides/coordinator/self-evaluation-section/place>

13) What is the passing score?



In order to be awarded the Seal of Biliteracy awards by Global Seal of Biliteracy organization, students need to score Novice High to Advanced-Low level of proficiency. Intermediate-Mid Level or Advanced-Low Level (Avant score of 5-7) is the acceptable level for High School to 'consider' waiving the World Languages requirement for high school graduation.

14) How many times can the test be taken?

Avant does not place a limitation on the number of times this test can be taken by a student.

15) Who will Proctor the test?

SA Tamil School volunteers and/or teachers will Proctor the test after completing the training by Avant.

16) Is this an online only test?

The test is a computer-based online test. Answers **can either be typed or written**. Answers for the oral portion of the test need to be recorded and sent to Avant (online).

17) Will this test exempt you from fulfilling 2 years of foreign language requirement by TX State colleges?

Avant Tamil language test does not exempt students from 2 years of foreign language requirement in HS. SA Tamil School has not had the same type of interactions with colleges in the state of Texas and thus is unable to answer this question.

18) If not, what should we do to get the exemption?

SA Tamil School plans to contact UT High School, Austin to inquire about the Credit-by-exam offered starting from this year 2026. <https://cbe-uths.catalog.instructure.com/?page=5>

We will work with UT-HS to bring this opportunity to our students and find more details about getting exempt from 2-year foreign language requirement. As of now we do not have an answer to this question.

19) Is there an age limit to take the test?

There is no age limit to take the test

20) Is there a grade limit to take the test?

Must be in High School. Greater than 9th grade.

21) Is there a practice test?

SA Tamil School is working to create a training curriculum to enable students to take this test well, there is no practice test at this time. But Avant agency is offering practice or sample test option for students to try and understand the testing pattern. <https://www.avantassessment.com/sample-tests>