



2011 EXAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 9, 2011
3:30 p.m.

Lake Braddock Secondary School
9200 Burke Lake Road
Burke, VA 22015

Wednesday, November 10, 2011
3:30 p.m.

Mount Vernon High School
8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road
Alexandria, VA 22309

Monday, November 14, 2011
3:30 p.m.

Annandale High School
4700 Medford Drive
Annandale, VA 22003

NOTE:

Students meet with their school counselors who register them. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 26, 2011 and closes at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Where and when does the exam take place?

Students take the written exam at a designated area high school. The schedule for this year's exam is inside this brochure.

How do students register for the exam?

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What should students bring to the exam?

Students MUST bring a photo ID to the testing site. Examples of a photo ID are a driver's license, photo school ID, passport, yearbook picture identified with the student's name, or a photograph labeled with the student's name and signed by the school counselor or ESOL teacher. Students should also bring a printed copy of the completed registration form, a pen or pencil, and their student ID number. They may NOT bring texts, dictionaries, or other materials into the exam room.



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Credit Exam information can be accessed at:
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CREDIT EXAM FOR WORLD LANGUAGES 2011



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CREDIT EXAM FOR WORLD LANGUAGES



What is the purpose of the Credit Exam for World Languages?

The exam is designed to assess students' native language proficiency and enable them to earn credit toward fulfilling the world languages requirement for the Advanced Studies Diploma.

Who is eligible?

The exam is for students in grades 7 through 12 whose native language is listed below. Students who already have two or more credits in that language on their transcript (from another country or from the U.S.) or who are currently enrolled in a credit-bearing FCPS course in the exam language are not eligible to take this exam. Students may not take the credit exam in order to receive retroactive credit for lower levels of the exam language.

What languages are included in the program?

There are 20 languages included: Amharic, Arabic, Bengali/Bangla, Chinese/Mandarin, Farsi/Persian, French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Nepali (new this year), Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog/Pilipino, Telugu, Twi, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

What language proficiency is expected?

Students must be able to read and comprehend exam instructions and writing prompts in the exam language. They must be able to write two well-developed essays in the exam language, each consisting of at least three paragraphs, using complete sentences in cohesive paragraphs on a variety of topics and personal experiences. It is expected that students who pass the exam will demonstrate proficiency to enroll in a level 3 course or higher if offered in FCPS.

What are the world language requirements for the Advanced Studies Diploma?

In order to earn the Advanced Studies Diploma, students must earn three credits in one world language or two credits in each of two different world languages. The credit exam addresses the second option because students who pass earn two world language credits equivalent to Levels 1 and 2 of the exam language.



Are there other ways to earn the additional two world languages credits?

Yes. High school students enrolled in ESOL 5720 courses may receive up to two world languages credits toward high school graduation requirements. Middle school students enrolled in ESOL 5720-5730 courses may receive up to two world languages credits toward high school graduation requirements (one for 5720 and one for 5730).

Can a student take Level 3 of the language and fulfill the requirement?

Yes. If a student earns two credits from the credit exam and the third level is offered at the school, successful completion of Level 3 would complete the required courses.

How is the exam scored?

An assessor, who is proficient in the exam language, scores the exam. The scoring rubric is available on the credit exam website at:

www.fcps.edu (Academics and Programs, World Languages).

How and when will students and their schools be notified of the results?

By the end of December 2011, a letter will be sent to each student at home with the exam results. A certificate will also be sent to passing students. A list of students who pass/fail will be sent to the Director of Student Services at the middle and high schools.

How many times may a student participate in the exam?

A student may participate in the exam twice between grades 7 through 12. In other words, students who are not successful the first time may try once more.