



SDUSD | Multilingual Education Department
2024-2025 Language Other Than English (LOTE) Options for
Meeting World Languages Graduation Requirement



Pathway	Guidance	Documentation
1. Completion of two years of district world languages courses	<p>Students will earn graduation credit for world languages courses taken at an SDUSD school in Grades 7 – 12.</p> <p>NOTE: Validation of a Language Other Than English <i>Passing a higher-level course validates the course of study for any lower level courses.</i></p>	<p><i>Students will earn a grade/graduation credit for each course taken.</i></p>
2. Completion of two years of district-approved Independent World Language School Courses	<p>Students enrolled in world language courses at District-approved Independent World Language Schools may earn graduation credit while enrolled at a District high school in Grades 9 – 12 (per Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations).</p>	<p><i>Students will earn a grade/graduation credit for each course taken.</i></p>
3. Passing a World Language AP or IB exam	<p>Score of 3 or higher on an AP Language and Culture or AP Literature exam.</p> <p>Score of 5 or higher on an IB Language HL exam</p>	<p>Student grade/graduation credits will be recorded on SDUSD transcripts for students formally enrolled in AP and IB courses.</p> <p>For students taking an AP or IB exam while not formally enrolled in the course, a LOTE Proficiency Principal Certification is needed.</p> <p><i>District graduation credit or grade will not be earned for AP/IB exams taken by students not formally enrolled in the course.</i></p>
4. Formal schooling in a Language other than English (LOTE)	<p>Students with transcripts documenting a minimum of two years of formal education abroad in a language other than English at or beyond Grade 6 have met the world language graduation requirement. Consecutive enrollment is not required.</p>	<p>School transcripts or other enrollment documents are needed.</p> <p>A LOTE Proficiency Principal Certification is needed.</p> <p><i>District graduation credit or grade will not be earned.</i></p>
5. Passing a LOTE Alternative Assessment	<p>Students who have never had the opportunity to take a world language course in grades 7 and above, or who do not have transcripts to document formal education in a language other than English, and the Home Language Survey (HLS), parent/guardian indicates a language other than English, may choose to demonstrate proficiency via a LOTE Alternative Assessment.</p> <p>Score of Novice-High, 3 or higher on the AVANT STAMP exam is needed.</p>	<p>Principal Certification for LOTE Proficiency is needed.</p> <p><i>District graduation credit or grade will not be earned.</i></p>
6. Assessment by a college or university	<p>Some university language departments will conduct an assessment and issue a statement of competency on official letterhead. This formal document will show that the student has met the world language graduation requirement.</p> <p>Students should contact the college or university directly in order to schedule an assessment. Students will be responsible for any expenses incurred during the assessment process.</p>	<p>College or university verification of proficiency is needed.</p> <p>Principal Certification for LOTE Proficiency is needed.</p> <p><i>District graduation credit or grade will not be earned.</i></p>