

Avant STAMP Vendor FAQ

Vendor Name: Avant Assessment

Product Name: Avant STAMP (Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency)

Question	Answers
<p>What grades are covered?</p>	<p>1st through 12th Languages Other Than English (LOTE) in 52 languages, including all languages taught in Texas K-12 schools.</p>
<p>Is there a pre/post-test?</p>	<p>Yes, The Avant STAMP Language Proficiency Assessment can be used for: Beginning of year assessment for baseline data in year one of TIA implementation and end-of-year assessment for all test takers to measure student annual growth.</p>
<p>What is the Avant STAMP test?</p>	<p>Avant STAMP is a web-based proficiency assessment that is based on U.S. national standards and is aligned to the TEKS standards.</p> <p>STAMP uses a computer-adaptive, multi-stage test design. This allows each student to follow a path through the test that provides a set of questions that adjust to their proficiency level. The questions are based on real world content that is appropriate for the age and level of the student.</p> <p>STAMP 4S assesses Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking in 14 languages for Grades 7-16, with scores provided from Novice through Advanced. The STAMP4S can be configured to test as many or as few skills as desired in which ever configuration fits the needs of the situation.</p> <p>Avant provides assessments for ASL and Latin. STAMP For ASL is a web-based test that assesses the skill of understanding signed language from Novice to Advanced. STAMP for Latin is a test of Reading classical Latin from Novice to Advanced.</p> <p>Districts with elementary language programs, such as Dual Language Immersion, FLEX programs, or bilingual education programs can utilize Avant. Our STAMP 4Se assesses Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking in 13 languages for Grades 2-6, with scores provided from Novice through Advanced. STAMP 4Se was originally developed by a consortium of state World Language Supervisors, the Center for Applied Linguistics and the Center for Applied Second Language Studies and funded through a US Department of Education grant.</p>

<p>What was the Avant STAMP test designed to do?</p>	<p>STAMP is designed to measure and report test-taker proficiencies and to identify growth over time through longitudinal analysis of data. The STAMP test includes scaled scores for Reading and Listening that show increments of growth that are much more fine-grained than the TEKS sublevels and are very effective in measuring growth of student cohorts. In the Speaking and Writing sections each sub-level score (e.g. novice mid), STAMP data includes a plus or minus to indicate where on the range of each sub-level a student’s proficiency is. As a result, each sublevel (e.g. Intermediate low) will display one of three scores - high, medium, and low. This feature is useful in measuring smaller incremental growth within sublevels to more accurately identify growth on the TEKS scale over the school year.</p>
<p>How can I use the Avant STAMP test?</p>	<p>Avant STAMP Language Proficiency Assessments are used by educators to measure the proficiency level of each student according to the TEKS scale and the U.S. national standards. Student proficiency level data from the tests are used to identify student growth and progress, evaluate programs, and empower informed decision-making around professional development and instructional planning. It is also used by students to qualify for the Texas Performance Seal in Bilingualism and Biliteracy, for Credit by Exam, and for College Credit based on certification from the American Council on Education (ACE).</p>
<p>Does the Avant STAMP test provide expected growth targets for students?</p>	<p>No. However teachers and administrators can reference student score reports at the beginning and end of a school year to determine appropriate growth targets for teachers and students. Avant Assessment publishes annual nationwide data that highlights growth patterns across the nation. This data is especially helpful for those LEAs which are new to measuring proficiency growth in its language students.</p>
<p>How can districts use the Avant STAMP test to determine end-of-year student growth for purposes of TIA?</p>	<p>The Avant STAMP Language Proficiency Assessment can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning of year assessment for baseline data in year one of TIA implementation • End-of-year assessment for all test takers to measure student annual growth • Use of end-of-year data for subsequent year’s baseline data after year one of TIA
<p>What types of data reporting capabilities are included with the Avant STAMP test?</p>	<p>Reports available with different access for each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Level Reports show Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking level scores for a student, descriptions of what the student can do at that level, and recommended strategies for reaching the next level. • Class/Teacher Level Reports show Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking level scores for each test taker including Scaled-Scores for Reading and Listening sections, and high/meets/low increments in each sublevel (e.g. intermediate low) of the Writing and Speaking sections. • School/Building Level Reports allow access to testing results for all teacher groups within the school. <p>District Level Reports allow access to testing results for all schools and teacher groups within the district.</p>

For more information on this resource please refer to the vendor website and reach out to a representative.

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