



VERNON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear VTHS Families,

This letter is to inform you that we will be continuing to offer the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy at VTHS this school year. More information on the NJ Seal of Biliteracy is attached to this letter.

By pursuing the NJ Seal of Biliteracy, students demonstrate that they are able to speak, read, listen and write in two or more languages at a high level of proficiency. Students at VTHS who qualify will receive a certificate from the State of NJ that distinguishes their linguistic abilities and have this denoted on their HS transcripts.

In order to qualify for the NJ Seal of Biliteracy, a student must:

- Demonstrate a proficiency level of *Intermediate Mid* in a World Language.
- Demonstrate proficiency in English by meeting State high school graduation requirements in English.

VTHS will be utilizing the state-approved assessment given through Avant Assessment, called the Avant STAMP (STAndards-based Measurement of Proficiency) 4S. Students must score a level of Intermediate Mid (5 or higher) on the STAMP4S assessment in all areas (*Writing, Speaking, Reading, and Listening*) to meet proficiency requirements. For more information on the Stamp4s, visit

<https://avantassessment.com/stamp4s>

Juniors and Seniors may sign up for the assessment by completing the attached registration form. There is a cost of \$24.90 for each language assessment taken. We will be proctoring the Avant Assessment after school hours (2:30-5:30) on the following dates.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

****Snow date will be Wednesday, January 18, 2023****

If interested in taking the Avant STAMP 4S assessment to demonstrate proficiency in a language, please complete the attached registration form and hand it in to Ms. Hogan, VTHS Bookkeeper, by Friday, December 16, 2022. If you have any questions regarding the NJ Seal of Biliteracy program, please feel free to reach out to me at mwerman@vtsd.com.

Respectfully,

Dr. Marta Yafar-Werman, Ed.D.
Supervisor, World Languages & ELL

New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy Language Proficiency Assessment Registration Form

Please complete the following form with a check made payable to VTHS Activity Account for \$24.90 by Friday, December 16. Hand in to Ms. Hogan.

<i>Student Name:</i>	<i>Student ID #</i>
<i>Student email:</i>	
<i>Counselor:</i>	
<i>Graduation Year:</i>	
<i>Language Proficiency to be Assessed:</i>	
Date taking STAMP 4S. <i>(If taking more than one assessment, please note only one test can be done per date, identify which languages you would like to take on each testing date)</i> <i>First Come first serve- We can only test a certain number of students per session</i> Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 _____ Wednesday, January 11, 2023 _____ Tuesday, January 17, 2023 _____ **Snow date will be Wednesday, January 18, 2023	

Parent Name: _____

Parent Contact: _____

Parent Signature: _____

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dr. Werman at mwerman@vtsd.com or 973-764-4290.