



Bilingual/ESL/ World Languages Department

How to register for the OPI and WPT



LTI:Language Testing International

OPI

Certified

Oral

Proficiency

Interview

Cost is \$145

WPT

Writing

Proficiency

Test

Cost is \$73

Total of cost \$209 for the OPI and WPT

**Paterson Public Schools waives the proctoring fee for Paterson
teachers candidates**



Tests available

The tests available on our account are:

- **Certified Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) \$139**

On-demand speaking test

Available instantly

Internet delivered

Approximately 30-40 min test

Ratings are provided within 10 business days

- **Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)**

Booklet or ***Internet-based (recommended)***.

Test length is 80-90 minutes.

Rated by ACTFL Certified Raters.

Results reported within 10 days.



Instructions for Testing Candidates

- Candidates should go to www.languageTesting.com
- Click on “sign in”
- Follow the menu from there to take their test.
- Select the “State Teacher Application,”
- Click on “Paterson NJ Teacher Candidates” to register for their tests. This will assure that your test results are logged into the PPS account and accessible to us on our client site.



Please note:

If you miss the OPI appointment it will result in a \$55 fee.

In the event you need to cancel an appointment, you must contact the help desk at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time of the test to avoid any fees.

Help Desk Contact Info.

Available from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Eastern Time

By phone 1-800-486-8444 ext 310
or email support@languagetesting.com

Bilingual/ESL Certification

- If you are seeking a Bilingual Certification you must take the OPI/WPT in English and the other language.
- If you have a diploma from another country that may serve as evidence of your proficiency in that language.
- If you are seeking an ESL certification then you will need to take the OPI/WPT in English

Recommendations for our candidates...

- ★ We highly recommend WPT is taken on the computer
- ★ Select Paterson NJ Teacher Candidates so that we can serve as proctors
- ★ Contact Angelica Esparza by telephone 973-321-0895 or aesparza@paterson.k12.nj.us to secure an appointment date and time *BEFORE* registering online for the tests
- ★ Candidates must bring a picture ID on the day of testing (i.e. - driver's license, passport, etc.)
- ★ **BE PUNCTUAL - ARRIVE EARLY TO AVOID A MISSED APPOINTMENT FEE**
- ★ **WE CANNOT OVERRIDE THE FEES IF AN APPOINTMENT IS MISSED**



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Configuring Spanish OPI Test

Total: \$209.00

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Rutgers Language Institute (Institute for Global Languages) [\[view contact and pricing information\]](#)

Use the same proctor for all Tests

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Paterson Public Schools

Contact Name: Lourdes Garcia

Contact Phone: 973-321-0243

Contact Email Address: logarcia@paterson.k12.nj.us

Contact Location: 90 Delaware Ave New Jersey USA

Paterson District office will proctor tests for its teacher candidates.

Test Site Fee Instructions

There is no proctoring fee charged by the district.

Site Availability Message

Announcement Message

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please email Ms. Lourdes Garcia to schedule your proctoring appointment prior to ordering your tests.

Proctoring Fees and Availability

Available Product Delivery	Student Fee	Non-Student Fee
OPI	\$0.00	\$0.00
WPT By Computer	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Spanish OPI Test

Total: \$209.00

Time Zone

(UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Pick a date at least **10 days from now**, and a time range of **at least 3 hours**.

First Available Date & Time

Select First Date

02/18/2016

Start Time

09:00 AM

End Time

12:00 PM

Second Available Date & Time

Select Second Date

02/19/2016

Start Time

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ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)® Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

What is the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview?

The ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) is a test that measures how well you speak a language by comparing your performance with the criteria described in the *ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines - Speaking (Revised 1999)*.

It is a one-on-one telephonic or face-to-face conversation with a real person conducted entirely in the target language.

How can I best prepare to take the OPI?

It is helpful to read the *ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines* in order to be familiar with the functions, discourse length and accuracy features of the level that you need to achieve.

Speak as much as you can in target test language, practicing the functions that you will need to demonstrate during the interview (i.e., telling stories, giving full descriptions, etc.).

How is the interview structured?

The OPI is structured to elicit the best sample of real, communicative language you can produce.

The interview will also stretch your language abilities, and push you to your limits in the language.

What happens during the interview?

Through a conversational format, you will be asked to talk about yourself, your interests, your daily routine, etc.

The tester may ask for direct information, descriptions, narrations, or opinions on a familiar subject.

Will I only be required to answer questions?

During most of the interview, the tester will ask you questions about a variety of topics that are of interest to you.

The tester may also ask you to take part in a role-play situation, intended to find out how well you may be able to handle a real-life situation.

What should I do if I cannot remember a particular word?

If you do not know a specific term, try to describe or paraphrase what you want to say in the test language. Avoid using another language, slang or making up words.

If you do use another language, slang or a made-up term, do not be surprised if the interviewer asks you to describe what that word means in the language for which you are testing.

What are the best strategies for success on the OPI?

When taking the OPI, listen carefully to the questions asked by the interviewer before answering. When answering, give as detailed a response as possible. Saying little to avoid making mistakes will not improve your rating.

Your participation in the interview is very important in order to demonstrate your language proficiency at its best.

Remember to relax and fully engage in the conversation.



ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Writing Proficiency Test?

The ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) is a testing method that measures how well you write in a language by comparing your performance with the criteria described in the *ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines – Writing (Revised 2001)*.

It's delivered either in test booklet form or via the Internet. The candidate responds to all prompts in the target language while prompts are always in English to avoid providing the candidate with relevant vocabulary to answer the prompt.

How can I best prepare to take the WPT?

It is helpful to read the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines in order to be familiar with the functions, discourse length and accuracy features of the level that you need to achieve.

Write as much as you can, practicing the functions that you will need to demonstrate during the test, i.e., recounting experiences, giving full descriptions, stating and supporting opinions, etc.

How long is the WPT?

The WPT is a timed test. The test-taker is given 90 minutes to complete the four major test prompts.

For each prompt there is a recommendation for the length of the response (in paragraphs) and the amount of time the test-taker should dedicate to each response in order to leave enough time to finish all the prompts.

How is the WPT structured?

The WPT contains four separate prompts for writing. Each prompt consists of 3 or more tasks that must be addressed in your composed response.

The complexity of the tasks increases with each prompt. Some tasks may stretch your abilities, and push you to your limits in the language.

What is contained in each prompt?

Each prompt presents the test-taker with the overall writing task for that prompt, as well as its context and content. Specific writing tasks are outlined in bullet form after the summary.

Each prompt is specifically structured to elicit the writing tasks for each level of the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines – Writing (Revised 2001).

Prompt 1 – Focus on Intermediate tasks

Prompts 2 and 3 – Focus on Advanced and some Superior tasks

Prompt 4 – Focus on Superior tasks

Do I have to address each bullet in my response to every prompt?

The writing requests in the bullets must be included in the final composition. Skipping a bullet may affect your rating.

What are the best strategies for success on the WPT?

When taking the WPT, read the prompts carefully and address all the specific writing tasks outlined in each bullet.

If you want to demonstrate a Superior or Advanced High writing proficiency you may want to start with the more complex prompts and work backwards, i.e. Prompt 4, 3, 2 and then 1.

If you need to demonstrate an Intermediate High or Advanced Low level writing proficiency make sure to fully answer prompts 2 and 3 in as much detail as possible before attempting prompt 4.

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Questions/Concerns

Any further questions please contact
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