

ISA FAQs

The International Spanish Academy Program is open to all students functionally fluent in the Spanish language (native/heritage speakers and immersion students). All classes are taught exclusively in Spanish. In all courses, students are expected to engage with the material in Spanish to continue acquiring language, and improving accuracy. This will be accomplished through continuous practice of oral and written expression and listening and reading comprehension.

PATH 1	PATH 2
<p>AP SPANISH LANGUAGE: curriculum is set by College Board.</p> <p>HONORS HISPANIC STUDIES: students gain a critical understanding of Latin America.</p> <p>AP SPANISH LITERATURE: curriculum is set by College Board. Students will read 40 classic literary works, and learn about their socio-cultural background, meaning, and form.</p> <p>HONORS INTERNATIONAL SPANISH ACADEMY: An advanced Spanish course focusing on cultural perspectives through short films</p>	<p>Spanish 4**: students continue acquiring language and improving reading comprehension and written and oral expression in preparation for AP coursework.</p> <p>AP Spanish Language**</p> <p>AP Spanish Literature**</p> <p>Honors Hispanic Studies**</p> <p>Honors International Spanish Academy</p> <p>**dual enrollment in Honors Hispanic Studies is required either 9th, 10th or 11th grade.</p>

To earn an ISA diploma, a student completes the middle and high school year pathways and successfully completes two or more testing options:

- STAMP4S – Intermediate High – 6+ (taken in 8th grade)
- AP Language – 3+ (taken in Spring of 9th or 10th grade, can earn up to 15 college credits)
- AP Literature – 3+ (taken in Spring of 11th grade, can earn up to 15 college credits)
- DELE B2 – 12th grade (taken in mid-winter in 12th grade)

Students who do not qualify for an ISA diploma **may** still qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy and up to 30 college credits.

To learn more, visit <https://bsd405.org/programs/isa/>

The Washington State Seal of Biliteracy recognizes public high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more world languages in addition to English. "Participating school districts with students eligible to receive the Seal, shall place a notation on a student's high school diploma and high school transcript indicating that the student has earned the seal."

To learn more, visit <http://k12.wa.us/WorldLanguages/SealofBiliteracy.aspx>

FAQs

What is the difference between the STAMP4S Assessment and the DELE Assessment?

Both assessments measure all 4 components of language – listening, reading, writing, and speaking – but they use slightly different rubrics to score proficiency.

- **STAMP4S** – is the assessment the district selected as a program common assessment designed to measure language proficiency and growth at both individual, cohort, and program level. It is administered in 8th grade during Spanish language class, and there is no need to register or pay for this assessment.
 - A score of Intermediate Mid (5+) on all 4 sections will earn a *Seal of Biliteracy* on the high school diploma.
 - A score of Intermediate High (6+) will earn the Seal of Biliteracy and count as one of the approved assessments for the ISA diploma.
 - Students could register and retake this assessment in their senior year if needed to satisfy the ISA diploma assessment requirements
 - In lieu of a score of 6+ on STAMP4S, a score of 3+ on the AP Spanish Language or AP Spanish Literature exams would also qualify a student for the Seal of Biliteracy and would satisfy the ISA diploma requirements.
- **DELE** – is an assessment developed and used by Instituto Cervantes of Spain. In 8th grade students can take the DELE A2/B1 escolar assessment and in their senior year the DELE B2. Families need to register and pay to take this assessment at a non-school site. As a courtesy, families of 8th grade ISA students will be notified via e-mail when registration for DELE A2/B1 escolar begins, typically mid-March, for the late May assessment. The cost is approximately \$100 - \$130. There are no scholarships available, but there is a 20% discount for ISA students. To register, fill out the registration document, send a copy of a photo ID, and call Instituto Cervantes de Chicago (tel: 312-335-1996) to submit payment information. Due to Covid-19, the next opportunity to take the DELE is fall of 2021.
 - Passing the DELE A2/B1 escolar earns a certificate of accomplishment from Instituto Cervantes. Note that this exam does not satisfy ISA diploma requirements.
 - Passing the DELE B2 in November of senior year of high school will count as one of the approved assessments for the ISA diploma. DELE B2 gives students the language credential needed to study or work in Spain.

Is there something my child should do to prepare for these assessments?

There is no way to “study” for these assessments because they assess a student’s proficiency with language, meaning what they can understand and express. Reading in a real-world setting, biweekly writing practices, quarterly common assessments, class presentation, learning advanced language structures, etc. are some of the ways students have been preparing throughout their middle school education. Making sure your student gets a good night’s sleep and a breakfast on the day(s) of the assessment is helpful.

For the STAMP4S Assessment, students should take a bit of time to look at the same test to familiarize themselves with the layout of the test and the types of prompts that they can expect. It is also advisable to read the benchmarks to achieve a certain test level. To read more about the test and see a test sample, please visit: <http://avantassessment.com/stamp4s.html> and choose the appropriate link.

For the DELE Assessment, there are books with practice exams available for sale on Amazon. If you choose to purchase one, please make sure you are choosing level B1 escolar. Note that the books with practice exams do not contain solutions, as those are sold separately.

Where can I learn more about these two assessments?

STAMP4S: <http://www.avantassessment.com/stamp4s.html>

DELE: <https://www.dele.org/>

In addition to completing both Spanish Language & Social Studies in Spanish at middle school, what does my student need to do to earn an ISA diploma at high school graduation?

1. Successfully complete:
 - a. AP Spanish Language and Culture
 - b. Honors Hispanic Studies
 - c. AP Spanish Literature, and
 - d. Honors 12 Grade ISA course

2. Successfully complete two or more program assessments:
 - a. Intermediate High (6+) on the STAMP4S Assessment in 8th grade
 - b. 3+ on AP Spanish Language and Culture assessment
 - c. 3+ on AP Spanish Literature assessment
 - d. Pass DELE B2 assessment in their Senior year of high school

Advanced Spanish Course Options & Assessments

Bellevue School District Middle & High School

6th 1) Spanish Language
2) Social Studies in Spanish

7th 1) Spanish Language
2) Social Studies in Spanish

High School Level class

8th 1) Spanish Language
2) Social Studies in Spanish

HS credits available but unnecessary except for students who choose not to continue Spanish after middle school

STAMP4S Assessment

- District provided, no need to register (assessment given in February)
- Level 5+ = Seal of Biliteracy on high school diploma
- Level 6+ = indicates student is prepared for AP Spanish Language & Culture class in 9th grade

DELE Assessment

- Offered by *Instituto Cervantes*, families need to register & pay (info out mid-March, assessment in May)
- 8th grade DELE A2/B1
- 12th grade DELE B2

