Required Passing Standards on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Examinations for Texas Certification

For each language, the State Board for Educator Certification or Commissioner of Education has approved a passing standard. There is a different standard depending on the type of certificate (i.e., Languages Other Than English (LOTE) vs. Bilingual).

Each language certificate requires an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and a Writing Proficiency Test (WPT). If a candidate passes at a high enough level for both certificates, both passing tests will be put on the candidate’s record. This is to prevent the need for a candidate to take the same test twice.

**Arabic**
For LOTE certificates:
- 605 LOTE: Arabic Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 600 LOTE: Arabic Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

For Bilingual Education certificates:
- 614 Bilingual Arabic Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 615 Bilingual Arabic Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

**Chinese (Mandarin)**
For LOTE certificates:
- 606 LOTE: Chinese Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 601 LOTE: Chinese Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

For Bilingual Education certificates:
- 618 Bilingual Chinese Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 619 Bilingual Chinese Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

**Hindi**
For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):
- 622 LOTE: Hindi Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 623 LOTE: Hindi Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

**Italian**
For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):
- 624 LOTE: Italian Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 625 LOTE: Italian Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
Japanese
For LOTE certificates:
- 607  LOTE: Japanese Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 602  LOTE: Japanese Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

For Bilingual Education certificates:
- 616  Bilingual Japanese Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 617  Bilingual Japanese Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

Korean
For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):
- 630  LOTE: Korean Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 631  LOTE: Korean Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

Portuguese
For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):
- 632  LOTE: Portuguese Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 633  LOTE: Portuguese Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

Russian
For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):
- 608  LOTE: Russian Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 603  LOTE: Russian Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

Turkish
For LOTE certificates (no bilingual certification in this language):
- 626  LOTE: Turkish Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)
- 627  LOTE: Turkish Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)

Vietnamese
For LOTE certificates:
- 609  LOTE: Vietnamese Oral Proficiency (passing = Advanced Mid)
- 604  LOTE: Vietnamese Writing Proficiency (passing = Advanced Low)

For Bilingual Education certificates:
- 620  Bilingual Vietnamese Oral Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)
- 621  Bilingual Vietnamese Writing Proficiency (passing = Intermediate High)