

Navajo Nation Oral Language Proficiency Criteria for Navajo Bilingual Seal

Definition of Navajo Language Proficiency: Student must be able to speak accurately, easily, conjugate verbs correctly, convey meaning through complex sentences, and communicate effectively and competently.

Seal of Navajo Bilingualism:

- Proficiency assessment for graduating high school seniors only.
- Schools must register on-line at the Department of Diné Education at least 10 days prior to testing date.
- Seniors must complete the assessment at one of scheduled locations and dates.
- Seniors have the option of retaking the assessment.
- An official letter from Navajo Nation with the test result will be sent to the student's respective school within 15 working days.
- School official(s) will notify students of test results.
- Only those students who successfully pass the proficiency assessment will be recommended by their school official(s) to the State.

Content of Bilingual Seal Assessment:

1. Appropriate introduction of self (clan, born for, maternal grandfathers, paternal grandfathers, where their mother's home area is, their parents and grandparents, related clans, personal interests, hobbies, goals, etc...).
2. Oral presentation on a given topic. (Topics provided by OSCAD)
3. Answer a set of questions. (Questions provided by OSCAD)
4. Summary/analysis of a video clip on a cultural topic.
5. Entire assessment must be performed in Navajo.

Scoring Criteria

1. Scoring will be based on a language proficiency rubric in the following categories:
 - Introduction
 - Oral Presentation
 - Answering Questions
 - Summary/Analysis of Video Clip

Test Administrators:

1. Test administrators will consist of 4 individuals – one OSCAD staff, two school district staff, and one community member.
2. All test administrators must be proficient in Navajo language and must have experience working in the field of education.

Testing Schedule and Location:

February 01, 2018 Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce, Albuquerque, NM
February 8, 2018 Navajo Preparatory School, Farmington, NM
February 13, 2018 Gallup McKinley County Schools, Gallup, NM
February 15, 2018 Tuba City, AZ Window Rock, AZ
February 27, 2018 San Juan School District, Blanding, Utah
March 8, 2018 Flagstaff Unified School District, Flagstaff, AZ
March 29, 2018 Central High School, Phoenix, AZ

Students must bring a school photo identification.

Student must arrive and sign-in 30 minutes to testing.

Additional Information

1. The Navajo Language Bilingual Seal Assessment will not fulfill any of the following course requirements; moreover, the following courses will not be used to satisfy the Navajo Oral Language Proficiency Assessment for Bilingual Seal.

Navajo Language	Navajo Culture
Navajo History	Navajo Studies
Navajo Government	Navajo Language Camp/Program
Rosetta Stone	