Dear Test Taker.

Thank you for your interest in taking Avant's Test. Please pay for your test using the link below: https://avantassessment.ecwid.com/#!/Polish-Supplementary-School-Council-of-America-Inc/c/165648545

WHEN REGISTERING MAKE SURE YOU USE YOUR LEGAL NAME NOT YOUR NICKNAME

After completing your payment, you will receive an Order Confirmation email. Please ensure to print and present your receipt to the Testing Coordinator on the test day.

To help you prepare for the test, please review:

Video Tutorials

<u>Avant STAMP Getting Started Guide</u> Learn how to set up your devices and get ready to take the Avant STAMP Language Test

<u>Avant STAMP Speaking Guide</u>: Learn Tips and Strategies for the speaking portion of the Avant STAMP Language Test

<u>Avant STAMP Writing Guide</u> Learn Tips and Strategies for the writing portion of the Avant STAMP Language Test

- Test Taker Guide STAMP 4S Test Taker Guide
- Benchmarks & Rubrics Guide STAMP 4S Benchmarks & Rubric Guide
- Language Writing Examples STAMP 4S Language Writing Examples
- Sample Tests STAMP 4S Sample Tests
- Power Up Guide <u>STAMP 4S Power Up Guide</u>

Please note: These tests are samples to experience the assessment flow and question types for all difficulty levels. However, you won't receive a score or experience the computer-adaptive technology of the actual test. Complete Reading before Writing, and Listening before Speaking.

Test results are not provided directly to test takers. Please contact me to receive your test results.

I would like to share a few quick tips and general information to help familiarize the testing coordinators with the testing process.

The **Avant STAMP** (<u>STA</u>ndards-based <u>Measurement of <u>Proficiency</u>) assesses Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking, with scores provided from Novice through Advanced. The assessment is computer-adaptive and based on the internationally recognized ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines.</u>

Testing Coordinators and Proctors:

Please review the Avant STAMP 4S Guides, which are available on our website: STAMP 4S User Guides.

Proctor Tips: *A Proctor is Required for the Avant STAMP 4S Test*

STAMP 4S Proctoring Guide

For every testing session, we advise the Proctor to monitor each Test Group's progress to ensure that every student completes all four sections of the assessment. To monitor the testing status, the Proctor should use the Teacher Test Code and Password to access the Teacher Login and check the "Testing Status Page."

Please refer to the Reporting Guide for instructions on Accessing Test Results.

Please refer to the Power Up Guide for improving language proficiency.

Test Logistics:

- Each skill (Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking) is assessed separately and can be administered independently.
- You may have half of the test takers start with Reading/Writing and the other half with Listening/Speaking.
- The test is not timed. You can set your time limits for the test based on your class schedule. There is a progress bar to help the test takers manage their time while testing.
- Students can start, stop, and resume testing at any time.
- In STAMP 4S (for students in grades 7-Adult), the productive skills (writing and speaking) must follow the corresponding receptive skills, i.e., Reading must be taken before Writing, and Listening must be taken before Speaking.

On average, it takes around 120 minutes to complete the full STAMP 4S assessment. To complete each domain, it takes approximately as follows:

Reading: 35-40 minutes
Writing: 20-25 minutes
Listening: 35-40 minutes
Speaking: 20-25 minutes

Network IT Administrators:

 Before logging in to take the test, please refer to our Technology Guide, visit our Technology Check page, and take a Sample Test to make sure your technology is properly configured.

Technology Preparation:

- Technology Guide <u>Assessment Technology Guide</u>
- Technology Check <u>Technology Check</u>
- Sample Tests <u>Sample Tests</u>
- For the Listening & Speaking sections of the assessment, please refer to the <u>Headset Guide</u>

Login Instructions:

To log in to begin the assessment, go to https://app.avantassessment.com.

Each Student Must Enter:

Test Code (provided by Avant)

Password (provided by Avant) Login Name*

*Advise students to use their Student ID Numbers consistently to avoid forgetting their Login Names. Provide Test Proctors with a list of the Login Names you want students to use. Students must use the same login credentials to resume testing. Using incorrect credentials will start a new test. If this happens, instruct them to log out and log back in with the correct credentials.

Student Profile: STAMP 4S Student Profile Guide

The Student Profile Page is the first screen that appears after the test taker logs in. It is used to verify the student login information and gather additional information.

*A student ID number is typically used to identify a school's permanent records, such as the transcript, registration, grade reports, enrollment certifications, student accounts, etc. If your school does not have unique Student ID numbers, the student may use "1234."

Technical Questions?

Avant provides client support for testing coordinators, technology representatives, teachers, and proctors only. If a test taker has a question, please refer them to the organization that is sponsoring the test. If you have questions about the technology or need any assistance before, during, or after testing, please email our Support Team at support@avantassessment.com or Call Toll-free at 888-713-7887 between 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time Monday-Friday.