



## Language Pathways Podcast Series: Connecting Heritage Learners to Federal Careers Episode 7: Testing and Demonstrating Proficiency in Heritage Languages

Resources from the Episode

### **Assessment and Evaluation Language Resource Center**

<https://aelrc.georgetown.edu/>

The Assessment and Evaluation Language Resource Center (AELRC) at Georgetown University promotes useful language assessment and program evaluation practices for foreign language educators.

### **Center for Applied Linguistics**

<https://www.cal.org/>

The Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote language learning and cultural understanding by serving as a trusted source for research, resources, and policy analysis.

### **ACTFL**

<https://www.actfl.org/>

ACTFL is a membership organization that works to promote quality language teaching and learning.

### **ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines**

<https://www.actfl.org/resources/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-2012>

ACTFL publishes Proficiency Guidelines for Speaking, Writing, Listening, and Reading based on what individuals can do with these language skills in real-life situations. The ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines have five major levels: Distinguished, Superior, Advanced, Intermediate, and Novice.

### **ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview**

<https://www.actfl.org/assessments/postsecondary-assessments/opi>

The ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) assesses a speaker's ability to use language effectively in real-life situations based on a 20-30-minute interview with a certified ACTFL tester. OPI performances are double rated according to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines.

### **Seal of Biliteracy**

<https://sealofbiliteracy.org/>

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by schools or districts that recognizes students who have attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. It can be used as evidence of language skills for colleges or employers.

## Additional Resources

### **Seal of Biliteracy Research Brief**

<https://aelrc.georgetown.edu/resources/research-briefs/seal-of-biliteracy-research-brief/>

This research brief from the AELRC provides an overview of the Seal of Biliteracy, with definitions, information about policies and practices, and references for further reading.

### **Heritage Language Learner Assessment Bibliography**

<https://aelrc.georgetown.edu/resources/evaluation/heritage-eval-assess/>

This annotated bibliography from the AELRC presents summaries of studies on heritage language assessment and program evaluation from 1989 to 2018, organized by research type, topic, and keywords.