



Jefferson Joint School District #251

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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Please be advised that our district will be administering a language proficiency test to all third, fourth, and fifth grade immersion students this November. We will be using an interactive assessment called the ACTFL Assessment of Performance Toward Proficiency of Languages (AAPPL). ACTFL stands for American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, a professional organization dedicated to the study of foreign languages and cultures.

The AAPPL is a performance-based assessment of Interpersonal Listening and Speaking (ILS), Interpretive Reading and Interpretive Listening (IRIL), and Presentational Writing (PW) skills in an online format. *Third and fourth grade immersion students will be taking the ILS component of the test. Fifth grade students will be taking the ILS and the IRIL components.*

AAPPL scores are an indication of a student's language ability; these scores document whether learners and programs are reaching designated benchmark levels and therefore can be used to evaluate the alignment of curricular learning targets with actual student performance. Test takers receive an AAPPL Score Report for each component and a brief narrative explaining each score and recommendations for improvement.

The exam is scheduled to take place during the first week of November. We anticipate each component of the exam will take about 30 minutes to complete.

Please direct any questions to your school principal or the World Language Immersion Program Advisory Board Chair, Michele Southwick. You may also find more information at the AAPPL website: <http://aappl.actfl.org/>

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michele Southwick".

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