



HSK, HSKK and YCT Chinese Proficiency Testing

In order to better serve Chinese language learners of all ages, The Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) has implemented Chinese proficiency tests to help improve the learners' Chinese language proficiency. These tests are the result of coordinated efforts by experts from different disciplines including Chinese language teaching, linguistics, psychology and educational measurement. The outcome of the Chinese proficiency tests is to assess the learners' ability to understand the spoken and written Chinese language.

HSK (汉语水平考试 *han yǔ shuǐ ping kǎo shi*) is the standardized test for Mandarin proficiency for non-native speakers. There are total of six levels.

YCT(中小学生汉语考试 *zhōng xiǎo xué shēng hanyǔ kǎo shi*) is the standardized test for Mandarin proficiency for young learners (under the age of 15) who are also non-native speakers. There are total of four levels.

HSKK (汉语水平口语考试) is the HSK oral test which assesses the learner's ability to verbally express in Chinese. It is categorized by beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.

The test scores serve as an evaluation for the improvement of the learners' Chinese and the teachers' teaching ability. Upon completion of the test, a test certificate will be issued to each test taker. These certificates are valid for 2 years and can be used in applications for school transfers, study abroad scholarship applications, résumé building, and job applications.

The tests are usually held at the Community College of Denver. However, if there are enough test takers from one school, the students can complete the tests online in a computer lab from the local schools. Staffs from the Confucius Institute will go to the local schools to proctor the tests. In the past years, hundreds of students from the Denver school districts have passed the exams with good scores.

Please visit www.chinesetest.cn to find out more information about the test. To participate the tests, please contact the Confucius Institute at least one month prior to the test date, and the student must register online and pay the test fees prior to the registration deadline.

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