

**TO:** Middle School Principals, High School Principals,  
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**SUBJ:** **Verification of Credit for Speakers of Foreign Languages Taught in NISD**

NISD may allow speakers of foreign languages which are taught in the District to be placed in higher levels of a foreign language course based on the student's proficiency level demonstrated on a proficiency placement test. Upon successful completion of the upper level course, the student will receive credit for the course in which he/she is enrolled and all of the lower level courses that are prerequisites. This is allowed because the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other than English are similar from level to level with the proficiency level changing from novice to intermediate to advanced. All upper level TEKS for Languages Other than English (LOTE) and proficiencies subsume the lower level TEKS for LOTE and proficiencies.