



World Languages Program

Summit Christian Academy (SCA) honors bilingualism by offering a Seal of Biliteracy to students in grades 8-12 who have attained an advanced level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in the Russian Language.* The Seal of Biliteracy is placed on the Summit Christian Academy transcript and on the Seal of Biliteracy certificate indicating that the student has earned the seal.

**Other languages may apply per request, review, and SCA School Board approval.*

The Level of Proficiency:

1. *Novice proficiency* means basic skills are acquired, yet there is very limited real-world functional proficiency. Novice proficiency is used primarily in academic settings. Students can earn two (2) credits (*Grammar and Oral*) to meet the minimum for meeting high school graduation requirements.
2. *Intermediate proficiency* means a practical amount of real-world applications and fluency are acquired. Intermediate proficiency indicates the use of the language effectively in both the community and academic settings. Students can earn three (3) credits (*Grammar, Oral, and Literature*).
3. *Advanced proficiency* means a student is fluent in the real world. Advance proficiency is required in many professional careers, depending on the context, and is acquired in post-secondary education. Students can earn four (4) credits (*Grammar, Oral, Literature, and Writing*).

Requirements for Prospective Students:

1. Evidence of studying the Russian language for four years, as a minimum, before applying for an exam. Must be in a good academic standing.
2. Evidence of heritage speaking: confirmation of using/practicing the Russian language in the home, church settings, and/or local bilingual community.
3. Evidence of English language proficiency per report card/transcript proof with a minimum of 3.0 GPA.
4. Recommendation from a teacher/school official of readiness to take the exam.
5. Demonstrate proficiency through the competency-based exam as indicated above.

Requirements for Co-Op Schools:

1. Have the World Language (Russian) already in place at the high school level.
2. Teachers must take and pass the Russian Language and Culture course through Northwest Nazarene University (NNU). *Note, the SCA World Language Coordinator teaches the course.*
3. Send a recommendation letter to SCA indicating that a student meets the requirements for the exam(s).
4. Assist SCA with the competency-based exam requirements; the exam will be monitored.
5. Collect, seal, and send by mail the test results immediately after taking the test.

Requirements from Summit Christian Academy:

1. Provide professional development, guidance, and support for the schools offering the Russian language.
2. Evaluate, grade, and award level of proficiency.
3. Issue SCA transcripts, Seal of Biliteracy for students who met the advanced proficiency level, and send by mail to the students/schools.

Please contact the World Language Coordinator for additional information at summitacademy@ncek12.com