

Checkpoint A Exam Format

(Formerly known as the New York State Second Language Proficiency Exam.)

Part 1 Speaking: (30 points) Four oral role play situations

- a. Informal speaking (Class Participation) 10 points
- b. Formal speaking
 - Four (4) one-on-one speaking tasks with the teacher 20 points (5 points each task)

The Speaking section of the test is completed prior to the date of the written exam in June.

Part 2 Listening:

- a. Ten questions in English 20 points
- b. Five questions in French/Spanish 10 points
- c. Five questions involving the selection of appropriate pictures 10 points

Part 3 Reading Comprehension: Realia (Yellow Pages style or short passages)

- a. With questions in English 10 points
- b. With questions in French/Spanish 10 points

Part 4 Writing:

Two tasks counting 5 points each 10 points

The Checkpoint A Exam has been created in the same format as the former Second Language Proficiency Exam. The point values for each of the four language skills, as outlined by New York State, are identical to the former Second Language Proficiency Exam.