

Dear parents,

The Youth Chinese Test (YCT) is organized by the Office of Chinese Language Council International (国家汉语国际推广领导小组办公室, 简称汉办). It is a standardized international Chinese proficiency test. RACL students who pass YCT Level 4 can apply 2 Chinese study credits to Wake County Public School System (WCPSS). For detail about the credit transfer, please refer to <http://www.racl.org/requestTranscript.htm>. For all other students, YCT tests 1-4 are optional.

Since we do not have facility to hold the test this year, we recommend that students take tests at Confucius Institute at NC State University, which offers YCT tests regularly. The upcoming test will take place on April 4th. Please use <http://www.chinesetest.cn/getkinfo.do?id=51> to register. The registration deadline is 10 days before the testing date.

National Exam Date: April 4th, 2015

National Exam Time: 9:00am

Exam Location: Confucius Institute at NC State University

Exam & Register Fee for Hanban:

YCT 1 - \$10 per student

YCT 2 - \$15 per student

YCT 3 - \$20 per student

YCT 4 - \$25 per student

Test Levels

The direct comparison between the new YCT test and Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages, The Common European Framework Reference for Language, (CEF) and the new HSK is as follows:

New HSK	New YCT	Range of Characters	Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages	The Common European Framework Reference for Language, CEF
HSK- Level 6		Over 5000	Grade Five	C2
HSK- Level 5		5000		C1
HSK- Level 4		1200	Grade Four	B2
HSK- Level 3	YCT- Level 4	600	Grade Three	B1
HSK- Level 2	YCT- Level 3	300	Grade Two	A2
HSK- Level 1	YCT- Level 2	150	Grade One	A1
	YCT- Level 1	80		

a. YCT- Level 1

Examinees who passed YCT-Level 1 can understand and use some most frequently used Chinese words and sentences, and prepare themselves for continuing their Chinese studies;

b. YCT - Level 2

Examinees who passed YCT-Level 2 can understand and use some simple Chinese words and sentences to communicate;

c. YCT-Level 3

Examinees who passed YCT-Level 3 can use Chinese in a simple and direct way, applying it in a basic topic in their daily lives;

d. YCT-Level 4

Examinees who passed YCT-Level 4 can use Chinese to serve their demands in their personal lives and studies, and are able to complete most of the communicative tasks they experience during their China tour;

Test Functions

- A. Offers a reference for Chinese learners to understand and improve their ability to apply Chinese;
- B. Offers a reference for schools to evaluate their teaching standards;
- C. Offers a reference for related Chinese teaching institutions or training organizations to evaluate teaching standards and the effectiveness of different training;
- D. Offers a reference for Chinese learners who want to take HSK test.

Test Scores Report

Within three weeks after the test, examinees can get their 'Score Report' issued by Hanban.

Thank you for your attention.

RACL Executive Committee