International Applicant English Language Testing Requirements

All international applicants for whom English is not their first language must submit a test which demonstrates their English language ability. Athenian encourages students to submit the TOEFL test results. The TOEFL Junior, IELTS, CEFR, or strong scores on the reading and verbal portion of the SSAT are also acceptable.

**ACCEPTED LANGUAGE TESTING**

**TOEFL (Preferred Language Test)**
To register to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), please see the TOEFL website at [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org). The TOEFL website contains test preparation materials, online registration forms, test site information, and other useful resources. The computer-based test is available frequently in most countries. - Athenian School Code: 9155

**TOEFL Junior**
To register to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language Junior (TOEFL Junior), please see the TOEFL Junior website at [www.ets.org/toefl_junior](http://www.ets.org/toefl_junior).

**IELTS**
Although the TOEFL is preferred, the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test results are also acceptable. The IELTS is available in China where the TOEFL test is limited. If it is not possible to take the TOEFL, students may register to take the IELTS test. The IELTS is a test of English language proficiency, developed by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate. Students should select the Academic Training Format. Please see the IELTS website at [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) for information about the test, preparation materials, test center locations, dates, and fees.

**CEFR**
Common European Framework of Reference - [https://tracktest.eu/](https://tracktest.eu/)

**SLEP (not recommended)**
If it is not possible to take the TOEFL, TOEFL Junior, IELTS, or CEFR, students may take the Secondary Level English Proficiency (SLEP) test.

**SSAT (not required for Upper School International applicants)**
Reading and verbal test scores above the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) 40th percentile may be submitted to demonstrate English language proficiency. Students for whom English is their second language who score below SSAT 40th percentile will be required to also submit TOEFL test scores. It is recommended that students take the TOEFL if they may not score SSAT 40th percentile or above on the SSAT. Athenian School SSAT Code: 1414

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**Middle School Applicants**
Athenian strongly encourages international students to apply for grade 9, 10, or 11, where our boarding program, staff, and curriculum support them. The Middle School (grades 6-8) is designed for local students, without boarding or programs for international students. International Middle School applicants should speak and write English fluently and live with an appropriate family member near The Athenian School. In addition to a test of English, Middle School applicants are required to submit the SSAT or ISEE and complete Athenian’s Middle School Math Assessment and Writing Sample Exercise.