

Introduction and Guidelines for New Youth Chinese Test (New YCT) 中小学生汉语考试

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The Center for Chinese Education Services in North America (CES Center) is an official YCT testing center approved by Hanban in 2008 (YCT center code 966). The CES Center collaborates with primary and secondary schools that have Chinese language programs, as well as Chinese language schools nationwide, to conduct YCT exams in schools. The in-school exam is not only giving a great convenience to the students and their families, but also providing the opportunity for the schools to integrate the YCT into the curriculum of their Chinese language programs.

What is YCT?

YCT is the short form for the Youth Chinese Test (中小学生汉语考试), which is a standardized international Chinese proficiency test, directed at examining non-native primary and secondary school students' capability in applying Chinese language in their studies, personal lives and work.

What levels in the New YCT can be challenged?

In order to encourage non-native speaking Chinese learners to learn Chinese and improve their Chinese level, Hanban has applied the latest research methodology in foreign-language testing to develop the **New YCT** test. The New YCT test requires:

New YCT	Range of Characters
YCT- Level 4	600+
YCT- Level 3	300+
YCT- Level 2	150+
YCT- Level 1	80+

To view the New YCT Syllabuses and Sample Exams, please visit CES website:

<http://www.chineseeducationalservices.org/cesroot/Resources/YCT-Resources.aspx>

YCT- Level 1 - Examinees who pass YCT-Level 1 can understand and use some most frequently used Chinese words and sentences, and prepare themselves for continuing their Chinese studies. The exam includes a listening section and a reading section and is 30 minutes in length.

YCT - Level 2 - Examinees who pass YCT-Level 2 can understand and use some simple Chinese words and sentences to communicate. The exam includes a listening section and a reading section and is 45 minutes in length.

YCT-Level 3 - Examinees who pass YCT-Level 3 can use Chinese in a simple and direct way, applying it in a basic topic in their daily lives. The exam includes a listening section and a reading section and is 55 minutes in length.

YCT-Level 4 - Examinees who pass 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 a visit to China. The exam includes a listening section, a reading section and a writing section and is 80 minutes in length.

What are YCT test scores used for?

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

2010 test dates and registration

The CES center will conduct the New YCT at the following dates in 2010.

May 8, October 30, November 13

Schools interested in taking the YCT should contact CES Center to make arrangements.

New YCT fees

According to Hanban, the New YCT fees in the United States are set at:

YCT 1 - \$10 per student

YCT 2 - \$15 per student

YCT 3 - \$20 per student

YCT 4 - \$25 per student

YCT Registration Form for Schools

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YCT Registration Form for Schools

School Name				
YCT Coordinator Name				
Phone Number				
E-mail				
Mailing Address				
Testing Date and Time				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Number of Students Registered				
Number of Test Classrooms				
Remark				

Please sub it the Name List of Students registered to take the YCT Exam in your school, using the standard spreadsheet provided by HanBan