

## **Ellinomatheia Testing Information**

### **The Centre for the Greek Language and its function**

The Centre for the Greek Language (**CGL**) was established in 1994 in Thessaloniki, Greece. It is a non-profit organization supervised by the Greek Ministry of Education and cooperating with the Ministries of Culture and Foreign Affairs and the Aristotle University. Some of the aims of the CGL are the overall support and promotion of the Greek language in Greece and abroad, the organization of teaching of Greek to foreigners in Greece and abroad, the support to teachers of the Greek language in Greece and abroad and the production of all relevant materials that may contribute to the promotion and spread of the Greek language. Presidential Decree 363/98 assigned **CGL** exclusive responsibility for the organization to plan, and administer the examinations for the Certification of Attainment in Modern Greek, the sole title of proficiency in Modern Greek valid worldwide.

Certificates are issued for successful candidates at the any of the following six levels of attainment in Greek: A1 (A1 for children 8-12 years old, and A1 for adolescents and adults), A2, B1, B2, Γ1 and Γ2. The levels are linked to the corresponding levels of the Common European Framework (CEFR). All of the four language skills – comprehension of oral and written communication, production of oral and written communication – are examined at each level. The structure of the examination is presented, as well as the amount of time allotted for examination of each skill. A full analysis of the form of examination for each skill is also provided.

### **Examination Center in Chicago, IL**

St. George Greek Orthodox Church is the official examination center, 2701 N. Sheffield Ave, Chicago, IL 60614.

### **Date of Test**

The test will be conducted on May 10th for levels A1, A2 and B1. For levels B2 and C1 on May 11<sup>th</sup> and for level C2 on May 12<sup>st</sup>. The test will take place during the majority of the school day, starting at 9:00 a.m. Students will receive a letter of participation in the Ellinomatheia so that they will not be considered absent from their regular scheduled classes.

**Cost**

The cost associated with the test is \$85 for A1, \$100 for A2, B1, and \$115 for B2, C1, and C2.

The test fee must be deposited to Chase bank Account number: 798785528

**Applications**

Applications are accepted from February 1<sup>st</sup> to March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please apply on line at: <http://www.greek-language.gr/certification/application/index.html>.

On the Day of the test, student needs to bring a copy of his/ her passport and the test fee payment receipt. If the student does not have a valid passport, a copy of his/ her birth certificate will suffice.

**Credits**

High schools may recognize the Ellinomatheia certificate as valid proof of language proficiency. However, various districts and schools may choose NOT to accept the certification in the place of taking a foreign language in High School. Students may also be eligible, upon passing the A2 Ellinomatheia exam to receive a Globally Educated High School Diploma endorsement. Final decision on the above mentioned recognitions are subject to each school district and policy. Colleges and universities may also accept the Ellinomatheia certificate, however each has its own governing policies and procedures. Please contact your child's Greek Language teacher for more information regarding student readiness.

All other questions can be referred to: Maria Baradaki  
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