

# Instituto Cervantes & DELE certificates

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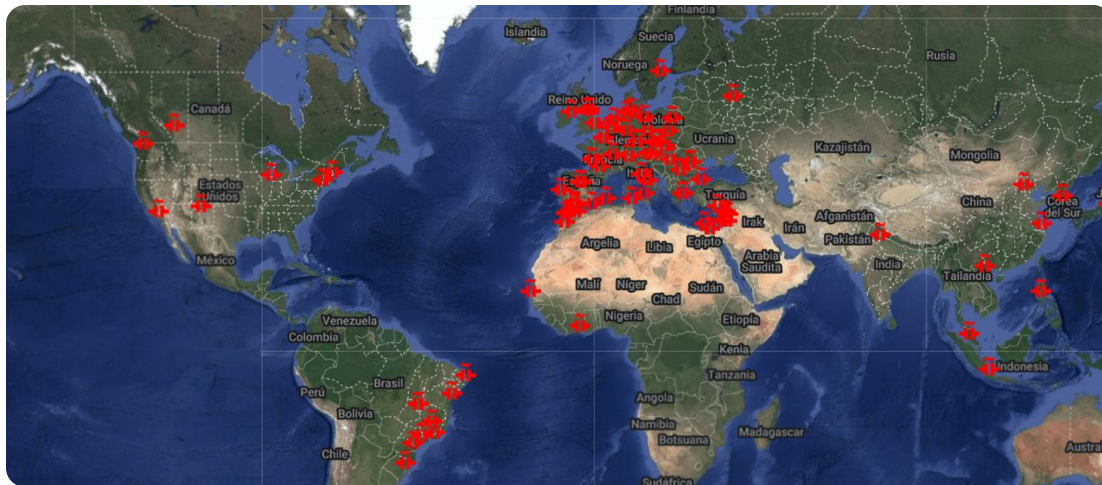


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- Spanish public institution
- Dedicated to teaching Spanish and promoting the cultures of the Spanish-speaking countries
- With 35 years of experience and expertise



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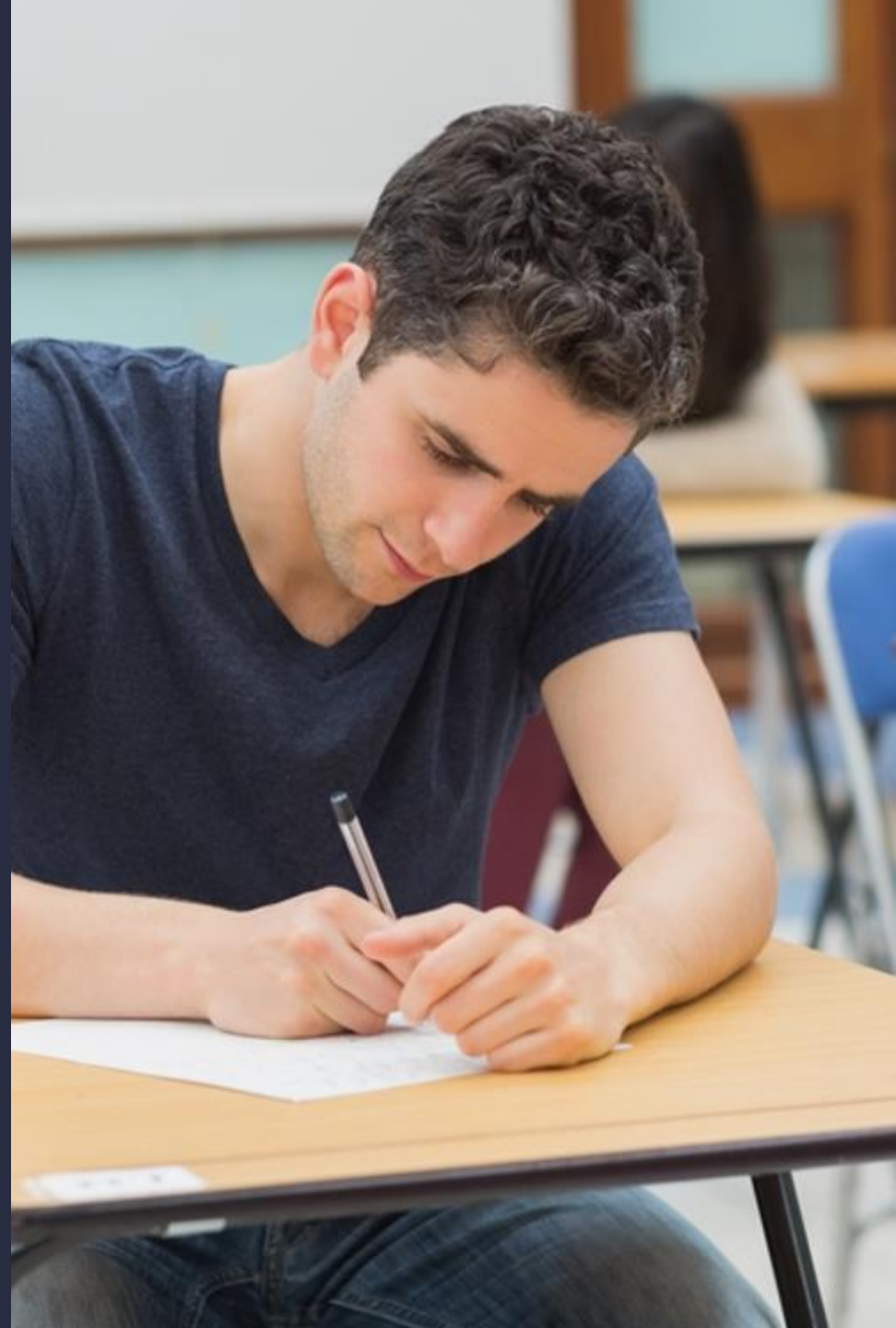


Present in 45 countries, with more than 80 centers worldwide



Our branches in USA are in New York, Harvard, Chicago, Albuquerque, and Los Angeles.

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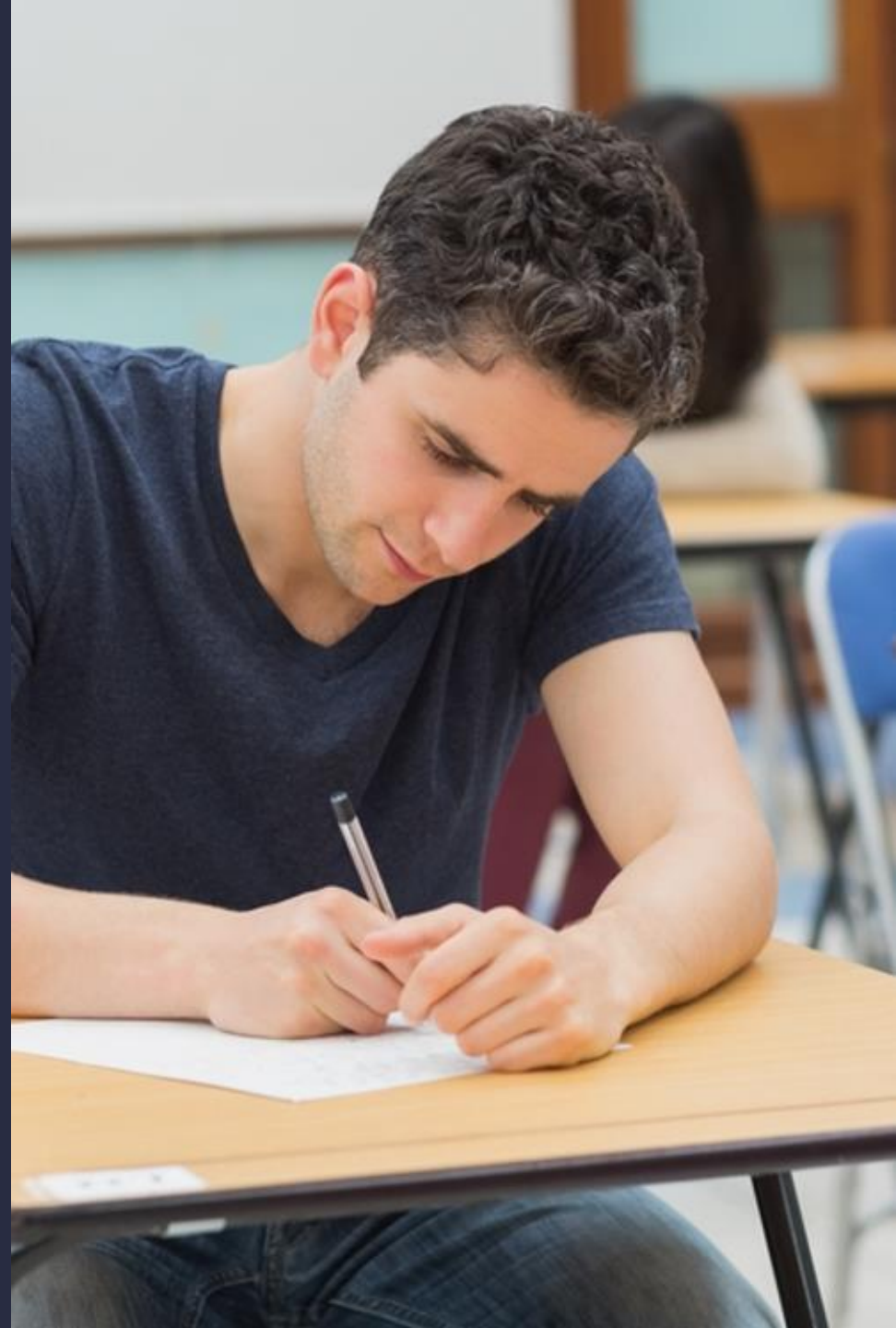
Cultural Events  
(in-person & online)

General and Specialized  
Spanish courses

Teacher Training for  
Teachers of Spanish

Official Certificates of  
Spanish (DELE)

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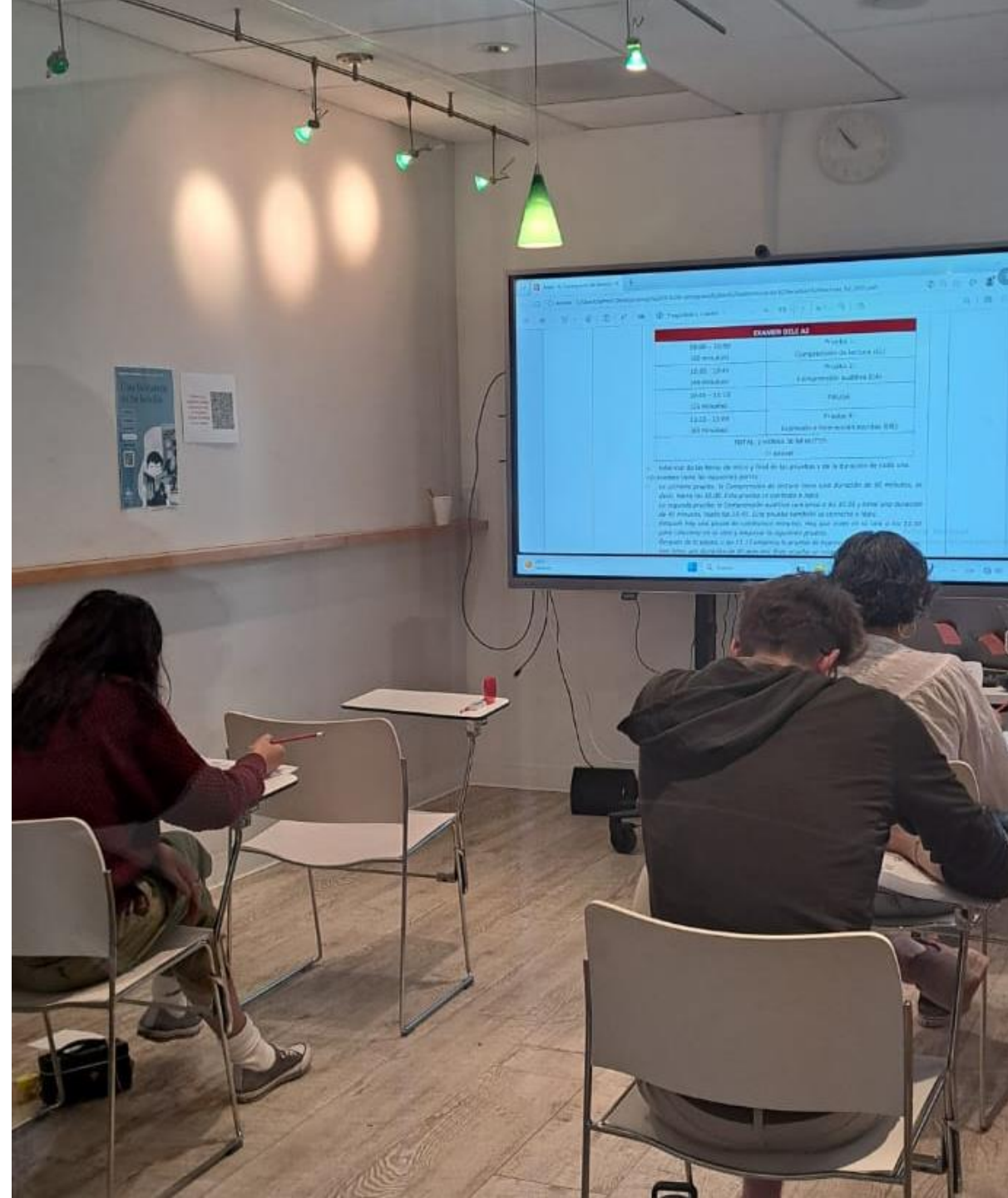
# What are DELE?

- Official Certificates of Spanish (Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera)
- Awarded by the Ministry of Education of Spain



**DELE**

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# Who is eligible to take these exams, and which levels are offered?

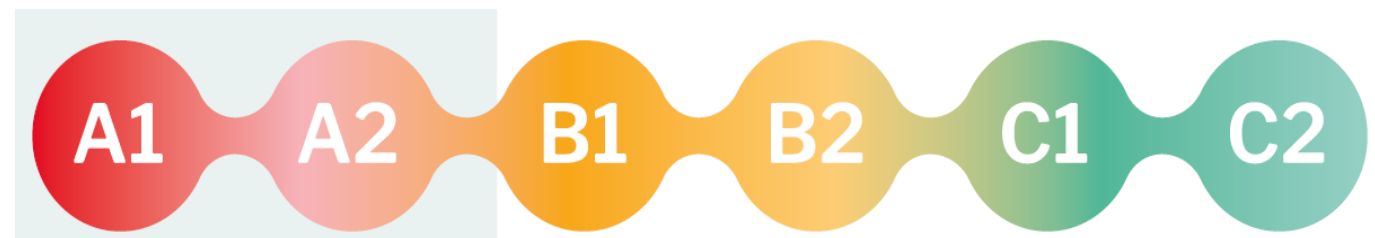


CEFR	ACTFL
A1	Novice High
A2	Intermediate Low
B1	Advanced Low
B2	Advanced Mid
C1	Superior
C2	Distinguished

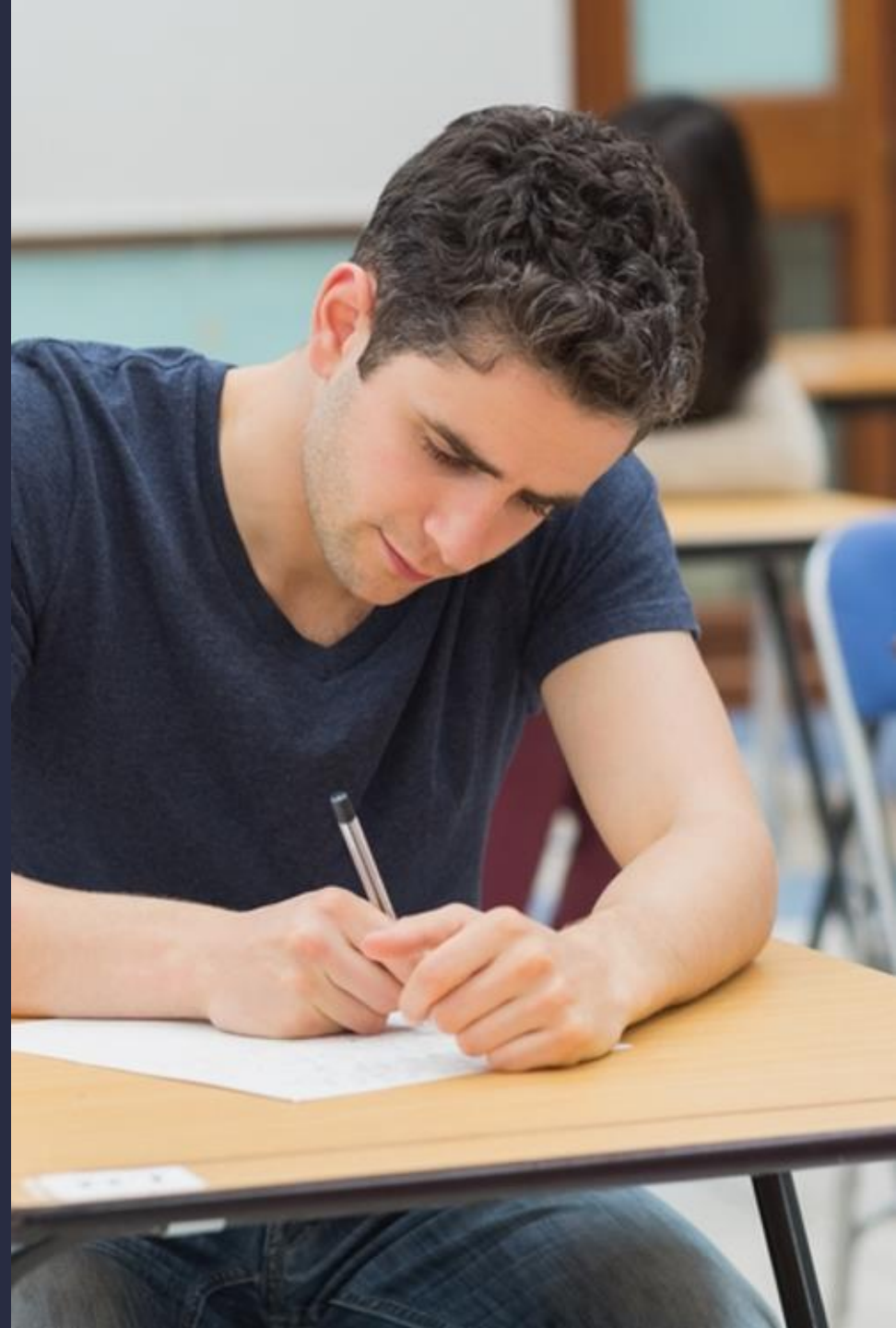
- DELE for Young Learners (11-17 years old)



- DELE for adults



# Why does DELE matter for our school?



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(de acuerdo con los niveles de Marco común europeo de referencia para las lenguas: aprendizaje, enseñanza, evaluación)

Dado en Madrid, a 4 de diciembre de 2024

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## For the school

Becoming a DELE centre positions the school as an institution offering **globally benchmarked assessment**, aligned with international standards (*Common European Frame of Reference for Languages* - levels A1–C2). This elevates the school's academic profile beyond local or state credentials.

## For parents

The DELE diploma is **official, permanent, and internationally recognized** by universities, governments, and employers worldwide. Unlike internal exams, it never expires. It is a long-term investment in their child's future.





## **2. Clear differentiation in a competitive education market**

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### For the school

Offering DELE exams distinguishes the school from other Spanish programs in Utah by moving from *language exposure* to *certified proficiency*. It signals rigor in learning a language and excellence.

### For parents

In a city where many schools “offer Spanish,” DELE tells families: “This school doesn’t just teach Spanish — it certifies **real proficiency**.” That distinction matters in school choice decisions.





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#### For the school

DELE certification aligns naturally with **college and career readiness frameworks**, bilingual pathways, and international education goals. It strengthens articulation with higher education and global programs.

#### For parents

Parents appreciate **concrete outcomes**, not just grades. DELE supports:

- College applications (U.S. and international)
- Study-abroad readiness
- Advanced placement or placement out of language requirements
- Documentation of bilingualism (including pathways connected to California's bilingual credentials).





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As a DELE centre, the school becomes part of a **quality-assured international assessment network** overseen by the Instituto Cervantes. This is a strong external endorsement of the program's rigor and instructional standards.

### For parents

DELE means their child's Spanish is assessed by **independent experts**, not only by their own teachers. This objectivity builds trust and confidence.





# 5. Motivation, confidence, and student progress

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### For the school

DELE provides **clear proficiency milestones** that help structure curriculum, track outcomes, and motivate students. External exams often increase student engagement and goal-orientation.

### For parents

Students gain:

- **Confidence** from achieving an internationally recognized goal
- **A sense of accomplishment** beyond report cards
- **Motivation** to continue Spanish through higher levels
- Parents value programs that **build confidence, not just compliance.**





# 6. Alignment with heritage and bilingual identities

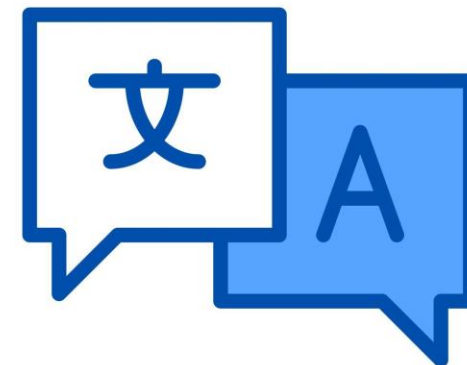
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### For the school

DELE supports both **heritage speakers and second-language learners**, validating different linguistic paths under the same international standard.

### For parents

For Spanish-speaking families, DELE offers **formal recognition of a language already spoken at home**. For non-heritage families, it provides reassurance that Spanish learning leads to real mastery.





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### For the school

Becoming a DELE centre does **not require changing the curriculum** but **rather enhances it**. The exam integrates smoothly into existing Spanish programs while adding international credibility.

### For parents

This means added value **without added burden**: no experimental program, no loss of instructional time, just an opportunity their child would otherwise need to seek elsewhere.





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### For the school

DELE reinforces the school's value proposition: measurable outcomes, global recognition, and academic seriousness. These are key factors in enrollment retention.

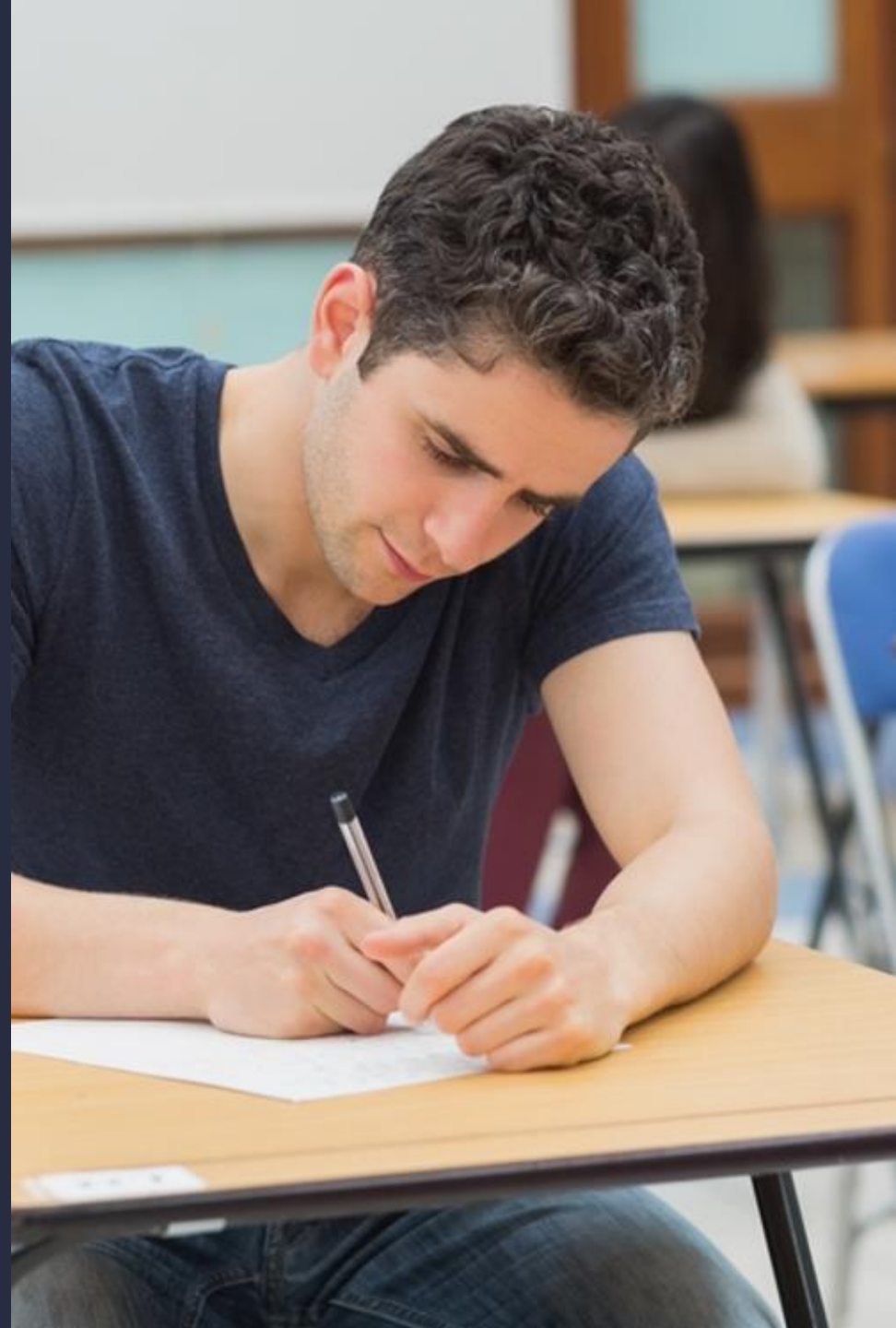
### For parents

One exam can support:

- University applications
- International mobility
- Career opportunities
- Lifelong credentialing



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### For the school

Providing access to the DELE for the Utah community seeking to certify their Spanish **positions the school in service to the community**, strengthening its role as an educational leader.

### For the community

Becoming a certified DELE center **provides local access** to an internationally recognized certification, and **expands academic, professional, and cultural opportunities** for bilingual families and professionals in Utah.



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