

MYLE



MICHIGAN LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

Learners Earn MYLE Medals in Peru

Case Study

Centro Peruano Americano, El Cultural, Peru



Peruvian binational center Centro Peruano Americano, El Cultural successfully measures their students' success with the Michigan Young Learners English (MYLE) tests. El Cultural, which was founded in 1949 by Peruvian and North American academics, develops diverse cultural activities and teaches English to learners in Peru. As part of their English language program, El Cultural tests students' progress with Michigan Language Assessment exams.

One of the English language programs that the center offers is for children in elementary school. As students advance through the program, El Cultural evaluates their progress with the MYLE tests. Students in the program participate in a course of English study for at least one year. Then, they take the MYLE.

El Cultural's annual MYLE administration occurs in November. The results, which are presented at the end of the school year in December, illustrate the effectiveness of the center's language program. The teachers enjoy using the MYLE tests, and they appreciate that the content is designed specifically for the students' age group.

"Our teachers at the center like the format of the test with the many colors that make it friendly for our students."

The test takers value the test's design as well, and they enjoy the colorful artwork and listening to the audio sections. MYLE allows them to prove their English in a fun way rather than through a conventional exam format.

"The audio is something that students can relate to [because] the voices they hear are from kids."

In addition to the child-friendly test format, the MYLE tests offer El Cultural's students information that is more valuable than a simple pass/fail result. On the reports, scores are represented by medals that indicate how test takers performed for each skill. Test takers, teachers, and parents review the areas in which the students can improve.

"[What we like best about the MYLE tests] are the certificates that kids receive with information on their performance."

Parents and students are glad to have the certificates, which they can use beyond the program at El Cultural.

