

# WORLD LANGUAGE DECLAMATION

## (ALL CLASSIFICATIONS)

### A. SEASON 2010-11

Seasonal activity without limitation.

### B. ELIGIBILITY

Participants must meet all ASAA eligibility requirements. Participants names must be included on the Master Eligibility List sent to the ASAA office prior to the regional competition, if held. No physical exam is required for participation.

### C. WORLD LANGUAGE DECLAMATION STATE COMPETITION

1. DATE: February 19,2011

2. SITE: East Anchorage High School  
Participation Fee: \$10 per participant (each school will be invoiced after the competition)

#### 3. REGISTRATION AND CATEGORIES

Students must be currently enrolled in a high school world language course to participate; specifically a language class corresponding to the same language and level of competition.

Schools in Regions 3, 4, and 6 may register the top three (3) contestants in poetry and impromptu per level, per language from regional competition, schools not in Regions 3, 4, and 6 may register up to three (3) students per level, per language.

The levels for poetry are 1,2,3,4,5, AP, Immersion 9/10 and Immersion 11/12 (Japanese and Spanish) and native speaker. The levels for impromptu speaking are 1,2,3, 4/5/AP, 9/10 Immersion and 11/12 Immersion. There is no native speaker category for impromptu. Spanish Immersion students enrolled in an AP Spanish course must compete in the Immersion category, not AP.

Schools in Regions 3, 4, and 6 may register the top three (3) pairs of contestants from regional competition in the dialogues category per language in the following levels: 1,2,3 and 4/5/AP, Immersion 9/10 and Immersion 11/12. Schools not in Regions 3, 4, and 6 may register up to three (3) pairs per level and language. There is no native speaker category for the dialogues category. Spanish Immersion students enrolled in an AP Spanish course must compete in the Immersion category, not AP.

The top five (5) contestants from Regions 3, 4, and 6 in French, German, Latin, and Spanish Cultural Trivia may register to compete at the state competition in the following levels: 1,2,3 and 4, AP, and Spanish Immersion/Native Speaker. There is no level 5/native speaker (except for Spanish) category for Cultural Trivia. Schools not in Regions 3, 4, and 6 may register five (5) per language and level as previously described.

Native speaker category: Students who do not speak English as a first language must compete at the native speaker level in poetry. Such students are typically exchange students. "Heritage Speakers" (defined as students who grow up in a home where another language other than English is spoken but are not native speakers) are allowed to compete in non-native speaker categories if they are enrolled in a language class corresponding to level of competition. Teachers are responsible for the appropriate placement of students (including foreign exchange students and those who have studied abroad).

#### 4. REGIONAL CONTESTS

Regional contests do not follow the same structure as athletic activities. Regional contests are held at least one month to 2 weeks prior to the state contest at the following sites:

- Anchorage
- Fairbanks
- MatSu (beginning 2011)

#### 5. LANGUAGE CATEGORIES

- French
- German
- Latin
- Japanese
- Spanish
- Chinese

#### 6. EVENT CATEGORIES (please note that not all categories are available in every language)

Detailed rules and guidelines for all events are available online at the ASAA website.

- Poetry
- Dialogue
- Impromptu
- Cultural Trivia

#### 7. PROCEDURE FOR POETRY

Students will recite two poems in a world language, one required and one alternate (in two different rounds). Copies of the poems are available online prior to the contest.

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A panel of judges (native or near-native speakers when possible in the language is selected to rate the students according to the following criteria:

- Memorization
- Pronunciation
- Delivery
- Expression

Students are disqualified if only one poem is presented. Singing, costumes and props are not allowed. Gestures are allowed, but not excessive moving around.


**IMPROMPTU SPEAKING:** Students select a topic and after two (2) minutes preparation time without books, dictionaries, or notes, they speak in the target language about that topic before a panel of judges. The specific topics are provided in advance available online at the ASAA website for levels 1 and 2 only, while several examples of topics, but not all topics, are provided for levels 3 and 4/5/AP, Immersion 9/10 and Immersion 11/12. A panel of judges (native or near native when possible) will rate the students based on pronunciation, range of vocabulary, grammatical correctness, comprehensibility, fluency/delivery and staying on topic. There are specific minimum/maximum times for each level (See information posted on ASAA website). Also, judges are allowed to ask questions if a competitor pauses. This is to encourage continued speaking.

**IMPROVISATIONAL DIALOGUES:** The procedure and criteria for dialogues are identical to impromptu speaking, except that there is a pair of speakers instead of one individual speaker. A panel of judges rates each student in the pair separately.

**CULTURAL TRIVIA:** Contest is available to French, German, Latin, and Spanish students in levels 1,2,3,4,AP, and Spanish Immersion/Spanish Native Speaker. There is no level 5 for this category. Students take a 50-question scantron test. Many, but not all of the questions are taken from the Teacher's Discovery cultural trivia card sets. The tests in levels 1 and 2 are in English, while the tests in levels 3, 4, AP, and Spanish Immersion/Spanish Native Speaker are in the target language.

## 8. AWARDS

- Medals are awarded to first, second, and third place winners in each level of each language category.
- ACADEMIC AWARD will be presented to the school with the highest overall GPA. *(The school must have a minimum of ten (10) students participating to be eligible.)*



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