

Dialogue Information:

Language/levels available:

French 1, 2, 3, 4/5/AP

German 1, 2, 3, 4/5/AP

Japanese 1, 2, 3, 4/5

Japanese Immersion 9/10 & 11/12

Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4/5/AP

Spanish Immersion 9/10 & 11/12

1. All students must meet eligibility requirements before being registered.
2. Each student in the pair must be in the same level for levels 1, 2 and 3. Level 4/5/AP pairs may be mixed. For example, a level four student could be paired with a level 5 student. Or an AP student could compete with a level 4 student.
3. Please note that levels 4, 5 and AP constitute a combined level.
4. The top three pairs in each language level qualify to compete at state. At the state level, the pairs must be from the same region but would not have to be from the same school.
5. All topics for levels one and two are released in advance. However, only a few examples of topics for levels 3, 4/5/AP and Immersion will be released.
6. Each pair will draw two questions and choose one to prepare during a two minute period **inside** the classroom. The second pair will draw and prepare after the first pair has finished completely.
7. Dictionaries or prepared notes are not allowed, either during preparation time or presentation to judges.
8. Each student in the pair will be designated by an "A" or "B" tag and will receive separate scores by the judges. Total scores will be determined by adding both "A" and "B" results.
9. Each pair will be judged in the following areas: pronunciation, range of vocabulary, grammatical correctness, comprehensibility and fluency/delivery/staying on topic.
10. Time limits are as follows:
Level 1: minimum 1 minute, 30 seconds, maximum 2 minutes, 30 seconds
Level 2: minimum 2 minutes, maximum 3 minutes
Level 3: minimum 2 minutes, 30 seconds, maximum 3 minutes, 30 seconds
Level 4/5/AP and Immersion: minimum 3 minutes, maximum 4 minutes
11. Pairs who exceed the time limit by more than 30 seconds will be disqualified. Pairs must continue speaking until at least a minute from the maximum time.
12. There will be no native speaker category for this competition. A native speaker of a world language is defined as an individual whose first language learned and spoken at home is NOT English, frequently in another country. An example would be an exchange student.
13. Heritage speakers **MAY** compete in this category, if they are enrolled in a language course corresponding to level of competition. A heritage speaker is defined as an individual who was raised in a home where a language in addition to English was spoken. A heritage speaker is different from a native speaker. A heritage speaker is usually bilingual and was born and raised in the US.
14. Spanish immersion students enrolled in AP need to compete in the Spanish immersion category.
15. Judges may ask additional questions to encourage continuous speaking.
16. Contestants must earn 80% or better for first place, 70% or better for second place and 60% or better for third place.
17. Presentations will be open to the public, but viewers will be required to remain in the room while a pair is presenting. Viewers and judges will be requested to turn off cell phones, beepers, etc. Parents with cameras will only be allowed to film their own son or daughter, not other contestants.
18. Letter jackets or other clothing identifying the school or region of the contestant may not be worn during competition.