

Impromptu Speaking Information:

Languages/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. 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.
3. Please note that levels 4, 5 and AP constitute a combined competition level.
4. Each participant will draw two questions and choose one to prepare during a two minute period inside the classroom. The second participant will draw and prepare after the first participant has finished completely.
5. Dictionaries or prepared notes are not allowed, either during preparation time or presentation to judges.
6. Students will be judged in the following areas: pronunciation, range of vocabulary, grammatical correctness, comprehensibility and fluency/delivery/staying on topic.
7. 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
8. Students who exceed the time limit by more than 30 seconds will be disqualified. If students end before the maximum time, there must be no more than one minute remaining.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Spanish immersion students enrolled in AP need to compete in the Spanish immersion category.
12. Judges may ask additional questions to encourage continuous speaking.
13. Contestants must earn 80% or better for first place, 70% or better for second place and 60% or better for third place.
14. Presentations will be open to the public, but viewers will be required to remain in the room while a contestant 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.
15. Letter jackets or other clothing identifying the school or region of the contestant may not be worn during competition.