

SPANISH/FRENCH CONFERENCE

Official Rules and Guidelines for Speaking Competition

The contestant will wait in a practice room/holding area with other contestants.

The contestant will enter the holding area where they select 3 topics out of a hat (blind draw) and pick up their name sticker. The contestant then has a minute to decide which of the 3 topics he/she will be speaking on.

The contestant will enter the competition area where the panel of judges is located and give their name sticker and topic to the judges. The judges will make sure the topic corresponds to the contestant's level. No materials may be brought into this area by the contestant.

The judges will start the timer as soon as the contestant begins to speak. The goal of the contestant is to fill the 2 minutes completely by discussing the selected topic entirely in Spanish.

The judges will score the contestant using the common rubric provided. Categories of evaluation include communication, vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and ability to fill the entire 2 minutes.

After two minutes, the judges will thank and dismiss the contestant. The judges will render the final mark of each contestant. The judges are in full control of the competition. Their decision is final. Participants are not allowed to challenge the judges' decision. No appeal will be entertained after the mark has been given to the contestant. All impromptu speech results will be announced during the awards ceremony.