

SPANISH/FRENCH CONFERENCE
Official Rules and Guidelines for Writing Competition

For this event, the students will be given 4 culturally appropriate prompts* from which they are to choose ONE and write an essay of 250 words minimum. They will be evaluated by a panel of judges who consider them by level and category. See rubrics for specifics about expectations.

Students will have 30 minutes to write, and at the end of the given time, they must put down their pencils and submit their work as-is.

Students are not allowed to use any form of reference, including rough or practice drafts, dictionaries, thesauruses, online translators, other students in the room, or any adult in the room. Students must work quietly. Students are not allowed to leave the room for any reason, including but not limited to using the restroom, getting tissue, getting water, etc., and they are not allowed to use their phones, laptops, tablets, or any other smart devices, such as a watch, etc. If a student leaves the room, uses an unauthorized device, or engages in otherwise questionable or distracting behavior, he or she immediately forfeits his or her entry. Event monitors reserve the right to make judgment calls on questionable behaviors of participants.

*The four prompts will be randomly chosen from the possible prompts by the event organizers before the event; all students will learn what their four choices are at the event itself.

The student will be evaluated on language usage, cultural perspective and effectiveness of message.