

To: ASD High School Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin and Spanish Teachers
From: Chris Rees & Angie Nishimura, Declamation Contest Co-Directors
Contest Location both days: East High School

Regional Declamation Contest Reminders:

Student Participation:

All participants (except for those in Poster Contest) should be available BOTH Saturdays (Regional = Saturday, January 29 and State = Saturday, February 19) in case they qualify for state. A student who is not available on February 19 should NOT participate in the regional contest.

Eligibility:

All participants must meet eligibility requirements and have proper paperwork on file. Paperwork is available from you activity office clerk.

TAD:

All participants must watch the TAD Play for Keeps video online at the ASAA website and turn in signed form to activities office.

Deadline for Paperwork:

Please determine your activity office clerk's deadline for students to submit paperwork.

Regional Registration Deadline:

Please fax all entries to Chris Rees at Chugiak High School (742-3150) by Tuesday, January 18.

Declamation Forms, Important Info, etc:

A variety of information and registration forms are available online on the ASD World Language website http://www.asdk12.org/depts/world_lang/events/declamation/ and also the ASAA website (www.asaa.org).

Poems:

Only the French poems are new for 2011. All other poems will remain the same. Some poetry is posted on the websites. If you need hard copies of poetry not available online, contact the contest directors.

Poster Contest Theme & Information:

Poster theme is: "Taste the World! Learn Another Language!"

All poster contest entries will be due to Angie Nishimura, room 212 at East High School (second floor of Benson wing on Bragaw) by Thursday, January 20.

There is not a registration form for poster entries but participants must be eligible.

Specific poster contest guidelines are available online at the ASD World Language website.

Be sure name(s), language, teacher and school are indicated on the back of the poster.

State Declamation Contest Reminders:

Coordinate with activities office to send electronic eligibility list to ASAA.

State Registration Deadline:

Deadline is Tuesday, February 8

(Chris Rees will automatically register all qualified ASD participants for state).

Qualification for State:

Please refer to “declamation places and qualification” file for specifics.

Code of Conduct:

All teachers sending students to the state contest must complete and fax a Code of Conduct form to ASAA.

Academic Award:

Your school is encouraged to apply for the ASAA Academic Award.

World Language Declamation Contest Check List

- ✓ **December/January:** Have participants view the “TAD” Play for Keeps DVD presentation on the ASAA (Alaska School Activities Association) website (www.asaa.org) or show it to them as a group. All Declamation participants and their parents must view this and sign an acknowledgment form.
- ✓ **December:** Before vacation, touch base with your activities office clerk regarding deadline for students to turn in school activity/eligibility forms in January.
- ✓ **January:** Once your students’ forms are in, activities clerk will submit your school’s Declamation electronic eligibility form to ASAA.
- ✓ **January:** Turn in all poster entries to Angie Nishimura, room 212 at East High School on or before Thursday, January 20.
- ✓ **January:** Fax all entries for the regional contest to Chris Rees at 742-3150 no later than Tuesday, January 18.
- ✓ **February:** Regional contest at East High School on Saturday, January 29.
- ✓ **February:** Prior to state contest, submit application for the Academic Award and Code of Conduct form to ASAA.
- ✓ **February:** State contest at East High School for those who qualify in poetry, impromptu, dialogues and culture trivia on Saturday, February 19.

JUDGES & MONITORS:

- Poetry judges, please meet at 8:45 a.m. in NW18, poetry monitors, please meet in NW17 at 9:00 a.m.
- Impromptu/dialogue judges, please meet in NW18 at 11:00 a.m., impromptu/dialogue monitors, please meet in NW17 at 11:10 a.m.

SCOREKEEPERS, RUNNERS & OTHER VOLUNTEERS:

- Scorekeepers please go to room 212.
- Runners and other volunteers/helpers check in at room 212 or NW17. Name tags available in NW17.

CULTURE TRIVIA PARTICIPANTS:

- Register in the commons at 8:00 a.m.

POETRY PARTICIPANTS:

- Register in the hall between the commons and the pool/gym beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Check spelling on both number cards and correct if needed. Write language and number and circle level on all sheets. Write title of alternate poem on all alternate poem sheets.
- Report to recitation room as indicated on signs.
- Poetry recitations begin at 9:30 a.m. and are open to the public.
- A monitor in the room will provide further instructions.

IMPROMPTU & DIALOGUE PARTICIPANTS:

- Register at the top of the long hall between the commons and pool/gym at 11:00 a.m.
- Check spelling on number card and correct if needed. Write language and number and circle level on all sheets.
- Report to room as indicated on signs. Presentations begin at 11:30 a.m. and are open to the public.
- If competing in both impromptu and dialogues, be sure to communicate with the monitor of the second contest and let him/her know you will be arriving after completing the first competition!
- A monitor in the room will provide further instructions.

AWARDS CEREMONY:

- Begins at 4:00 p.m. in the commons. Occasional delays do occur depending on quantity of ballots.

CONTEST DIRECTORS:

- Mr. Rees and Mrs. Nishimura may usually be found in rooms 212, NW18 or NW17.
- They are more than happy to help or answer questions regarding registration or the contest itself.

Important Eligibility Information

Regional World Language Declamation Contest:

1. Each participating student must be enrolled in a language class (or classes) corresponding to the language categories and levels in which he or she is competing at the Declamation Contest.
2. Each participating student must complete an Anchorage School District High School Athletic/Activity Participation form to be signed by a parent or guardian. **This three part form is available in each school's activity office and must be returned prior to competition.** All conditions of student participation (listed in detail on the back of the form) must be followed, including the 2.0 GPA requirement. This applies to all categories at the contest, including poster contest entries.
3. A physical is not required for participation in this event.
4. Anchorage participants may compete in a maximum of three categories.

ASAA/First National Bank State Declamation Contest:

1. All participating students must be on the school's electronic eligibility list for the Declamation Contest. **ASAA expects this to be on file in their office prior to the regional competition.** Your activity office clerk will coordinate.
2. Students must be enrolled in a language class (or classes) corresponding to the language categories and levels in which he or she is competing at the Declamation Contest.
3. Each participant must be carrying and passing a minimum of five classes during the semester immediately preceding the activity in question.
4. Each participant and his/her parent or guardian must watch the TAD "Play for Keeps" video and sign an acknowledgement form. This may be viewed on the ASAA website.
5. A physical is not required to participate in the Declamation Contest.

Places Awarded and Qualification for State Poetry:

1st through 3rd places awarded at regional and qualify for state.

Chinese 1, 2 (as of Fall 2010)
French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AP, Native Speaker
German 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AP, Native Speaker
Japanese 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Native Speaker
Japanese Immersion 9/10 & 11/12
Latin 1, 2, 3, 4
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AP, Native Speaker
Spanish Immersion 9/10 & 11/12

Impromptu:

1st through 3rd places awarded at regional and qualify for state.

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

Dialogues:

1st through 3rd places awarded at regional and qualify for state.

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

Culture Trivia:

1st through 5th places awarded at regional and qualify for state

French 1, 2, 3, 4, AP
German 1, 2, 3, 4, AP
Latin 1, 2, 3, 4
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, AP
Spanish Immersion/Native Speaker 9th grade
Spanish Immersion/Native Speaker 10th grade
Spanish Immersion/Native Speaker 11th grade
(as of fall 2010, no tests are available for 12th grade)