



2014 Michigan Chinese School Speech Contest

Date: March 29th, 2014 (Saturday)

Time: 1:30 PM (Sign-in: 1:15 PM)

Location: Science Lecture Hall & Classroom 2423/2425, Madonna University

Check-In Time :

1. Judges/Scoring/Timing Please arrive by 12:30 PM for the overview.
2. Contestants 1PM– 1:15 PM Please report to the front desk for check-in.
 - a) All Contestants must arrive punctual and be admitted by 1:15 PM.
 - b) The contestants must show up for the name call before entering the contest room, or the total average scores will be deducted by 1 point.
 - c) The contestants will be disqualified if not show up at the time of their competition after the name call. They may, however, be granted a chance to perform at the end of the contest.

Qualification:

- Participating students must enroll at MCS.
- Group 1 to 5: students reside in non-Chinese speaking countries longer than Chinese speaking countries.
- Group 6: students reside in non-Chinese speaking countries shorter than Chinese speaking countries.
- Group 7 & 8 – mixed grades are welcome. Students in lower grades must go with team members in higher grades.
- Restrictions for first place winners from 2013 MI State Speech Contest:
 - 1) Group 1 to 5 must move up one group, or sign up for Group 6.
 - 2) Group 6 must sign up for G7 or G8.
- Group 9 to 11 are designed for students in CFL-Child and CFL-Adults classes:
 - 1) Group 9: CFL lower grades, 4 years to under 10 (by 4/26/2014)
 - 2) Group 10: CFL upper grades, 10 years to under 18 (by 4/26/2014)
 - 3) Group 11: CFL Adults, 18 and older (by 4/26/2014)

Contest Group and speech time limit : No microphone will be used.

Group	Current Grade in American School(s)	Time Limits
1	Kindergarten and under	45 sec. to 2 min.
2	First, Second	45 sec. to 2 min.
3	Third, Fourth	45 sec. to 2 min.
4	Fifth, Sixth,	1.5 min. to 3 min.
5	Seventh and older	1.5 min. to 3 min.
6	No Restriction	1.5 min. to 3 min.
7	Story Telling: Seventh and under (2 to 3 per team)	1.5 min. to 3 min.
8	Story Telling: Eighth and order (2 to 3 per team)	1.5 min. to 3 min.
9	Recite, CFL lower grades: 4 years to under 10	30 sec. to 2 min.
10	Recite, CFL upper grades: 10 years to under 18	45 sec. to 3 min.
11	Recite, CFL Adults: 18 and older	45 sec. to 3 min.

Group 7 and 8 – Story Telling:

- Each team will be given 40 minutes to draw topics and to prepare for it.
- Each topic contains 4 to 5 slides or pictures.
- Students must discuss among themselves. Parents and teachers should offer no help.

Scoring system:

G1 to G6 (Speech)

Item	Description	Percentage
A	Pronunciation, Articulation	35%
B	Fluency, Content (age appropriate)	35%
C	Expression, Body language, Voice control	30%

G7 and G8 (Story Telling)

Item	Description	Percentage
A	Content (consistent, reasonable)	40%
B	Fluency, Articulation, Pronunciation	30%
C	Expression, Body language	30%

G9 to G11 (Recite)

Item	Description	Percentage
A	Fluency, Voice control	35%
B	Pronunciation, Articulation, Clarity	45%
C	Content, Expression, Body language	20%

- Total score will be deduced 1 point if students go under or over the time limit.
- Each judge gives out scores from 80 to 100.
- The highest score and the lowest scores will be removed.
- The scores run on pre-programmed software on computers.

- “Voice control” includes but not limit to Pace, Pause, Pitch, Loudness; " Expression and Body language” ” includes but not limit to appropriate apparel, eye contact, stage manners, smile; “Content” needs to be age appropriate, consistent and reasonable.

Order of speech: The drawing will be on 3/15/2014 at parent lounge.

Awards:

1. Each student will be awarded with a Participation Medal.
2. The Top 25% winners will be awarded with trophies.

Regulation:

- Smoking is prohibited inside the buildings.
- Food: only allowed at the hallway or Take Five Lounge in the first floor. Bottled Water has no restriction.
- Infant and young children: children age 4 and under are not allowed in the competition rooms, except contestants.
- Cell phones and pagers need to be turned off or switched to vibration mode.
- Videotaping and camera: photoflash is prohibited. We will have assigned personals to take photographs and videotaping. After competition, the photographs and videos will be downloadable from school website.