

2019 Michigan Chinese School Speech Contest



Date: April 6 , 2019 (Saturday)

Time: 1:30 PM (Sign-in:1:00- 1:20 PM)

Location: Ward Church

Registration: 3/2/2019 - 3/20/2019 Please register online at <https://goo.gl/93G8z5> You may also go to school website <http://www.michiganchineseschool.org>. On the left side menu, click "學校主要活動 Major activities", and you will link to the registration webpage.

Check-In Time :

1. Judges/Scoring/Timing Please arrive by 12:30 PM for the overview.
2. **Contestants check-in at 1PM– 1:20 PM.** Please report to the **group leader** at Ward Church Grand Hall.
 - a) All Contestants must arrive punctual and be admitted by 1:20 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 the contestants do not show up at the name call for competition seating. 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. Ex: A team is mixed with 7th & 8th grade, then the team will be placed under group 8.
- **Group 7 & 8 story telling:** If it is a team of three, one member is absent. The team will still be able to compete and the replacement is allowed.
- **Group 9, 10, 11 Recite:**
 - **Both contestant's parents cannot speak fluent Chinese.**
 - **The contestants must be signed off by the teacher to qualify for the competition.**
 - **The actual age of the contestant is calculated based on the inter-school competition date May 4th, 2019.**
 - 1) **Group 9: 4 years to under 10 (by 5/4/2019)**
 - 2) **Group 10: 10 years to under 14(by 5/4/2019)**
 - 3) **Group 11: 14 and older (by 5/4/2019)**

- Restrictions for first place winners from 2018 Inter-school Speech Contest:
 - 1) Group 1 to 5 winners must move up one group, or sign up for Group 6.
 - 2) Group 6 winner may sign up for G7 or G8, or conduct demonstration performance after the contest
 - 3) Group 7&8 winners cannot compete this year if the group members are the same as last year.

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 14	45 sec. to 3 min.
11	Recite, CFL Adults: 14 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 slides of pictures.
- Students must discuss among themselves, Parents and teachers should not offer any help.
- All kinds of electronic or mobile devices are NOT allowed or the total average scores will be deducted by 1 point. However, the contestants will be disqualified if any kinds of electronic devices are used at Inter-school Speech Contest.
- Paper-based dictionaries are allowed.
- Students must utilize all 4 slides to tell the story, otherwise the total score will be deducted by 10 points.
- Students may bring/use the self-drafted scripts prepared during the group preparation/discussion using the blank paper provided by MCS only for the story telling contest

Regulation:

- Smoking is prohibited inside the buildings.
- Food: only allowed at the hallway. 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: No photo shooting and video recording except the student's parent or deputy parent (No flash) . Photoflash is prohibited during the competition. We will have assigned personnel to take photographs and record video which will be downloadable from school website after competition.

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%

- a) If two contestants have the same total score, the ranking will be based on the order of Item A, B, then C.
- b) Description of each item:
 - "Pronunciation, Articulation" has to be clear.
 - "Content" needs to be age appropriate, consistent and reasonable.
 - " Expression and Body language" " includes but not limit to appropriate apparel, eye contact, stage manners, smile.
 - "Voice control" includes but not limit to Pace, Pause, Pitch, Loudness.
- c) Group 1 to Group 5: If the students have hard time memorizing the speech, the students are permitted to read from the script to relieve the pressure from the parents but the score will be deducted and the contestants will not be within 25 percent ranking.
- d) Any question concerning the final score should, and can only, be raised immediately upon the result announcement through a MCS teacher on site who was not one of the judges whose scores are challenged. Parents must not be involved.

Violations:

- The contestants must show up for the name call before entering the contest room (1:20 PM), or the total average scores will be deducted by 1 point.
- If contestant's presentation goes under or over the time limit, total score will be deducted 1 point.
- Photoflash is prohibited during the competition. Contestants' total score will be deducted 1 point if photoflash is used.
- If parents give hints or gesture to the contestants, total score will be deducted by 2 points.
- If parent's phone/pager rings or parent talks on the phone during the competition, the contestant of this parent will lose 2 points of the total score.
- All kinds of electronic or mobile devices are NOT allowed during story telling preparation or the total average scores will be deducted by 1 point. (However, the contestants will be disqualified if any kinds of electronic devices are used at Inter-school Speech Contest.)

Awards:

1. Ranking for top 25% winners, and all contestants will be awarded with medals.
2. The top 25% winners may have the opportunity to participate the Inter-school Speech Contest held on Saturday 5/4/2019 at Ann Arbor Chinese Center of Michigan .