



全美中小学中文教师协会

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**The Ninth "Chinese Bridge"
Chinese Proficiency Competition for High School Students
The Sixth CLASS National Preliminary Contest on US West Coast, 2016
第九届“汉语桥”世界中学生中文比赛
CLASS 全美预赛西部赛区 (第六届)**

Date: April 23, 2016
Location: CLERC at Nanhai
3000 Lakeside Drive
Santa Clara, CA 95054

Registration Deadline: March 12, 2016

Organizers: The Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools
(CLASS)
Chinese Language Education and Research Center (CLERC)

Sponsors: Hanban and Consulate General of the PRC in San Francisco

Registration and Rules

1. The contestant must be a student currently enrolled in a Mandarin Chinese program during the current school year at a high school that is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), or is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). We accept applications from the following states within the San Francisco Consular District: Northern California, the States of Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska.
2. The instructor of the contestant must be either:
 - a) a current member of the Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools (CLASS). The annual membership fee must be paid by the instructor before students are eligible to compete, or
 - b) a Chinese teacher in a public or private high school who is also a regular participant in activities organized by the Chinese Language Education and Research Center (CLERC).
3. Each school may enter up to five students for the contest. Individual schools should decide how their participants are selected (e.g. holding a preliminary school-wide speech contest).
4. Heritage students already speaking Mandarin before taking Chinese in school are not eligible.
5. Based on the results of the preliminary screening and selection from all entries, qualified finalists will be invited to the San Francisco Bay Area to compete on-site. The selected finalists who do not reside in the San Francisco Bay Area are eligible to receive complimentary hotel stay in the appointed hotel (check in April 22, check out April 23, may share room with another student). The invitation notice will be sent

out two weeks before the final contest along with detailed information regarding the final contest. Finalists must be present on-site to compete for the final contest on April 23, 2016. The 1st Place winner of the Advanced Group will be recommended to represent US West Coast schools as a contestant and observer in the Chinese Bridge Speech Contest to be held in China during the fall semester of 2016, for which all travel expenses will be covered by Hanban.

6. The theme of the speech is “The Chinese Language and My Life”. Students are free to develop the content based on their own language learning and life experiences. The speech must be between four to five minutes in length. During the on-site contest, four questions will be asked immediately based on the delivered speech.
7. The contestant is expected to prepare for a two-minute talent show. Forms of the talent show include Chinese song, Chinese dance, Chinese folk arts, Chinese musical instrument, Chinese painting or calligraphy, Chinese paper cutting or Kungfu, etc. This talent show performance will help the participant to gain extra points for the final result of the contest.
8. The contest is for high school students only. There will be 2 categories. Within each category, contestants compete for one 1st Place, two 2nd Places, three 3rd Places. All qualified finalists who are present for the contest will be awarded a Certificate of Participation.

Categories:

- I. Intermediate Group: for students who have studied Chinese for less than 4 years;
 - II. Advanced Group: for those who have studied Chinese for more than 4 years or have stayed in China for more than 6 months.
9. To be entered into a screening for the final contest, each participant should submit the following materials:
 - 1) two completed Registration Forms (in Chinese and English);
 - 2) recorded speech (4 - 5 minutes);
 - Submission Option 1: a CD (labeled with contestant's name) sent via mail
 - Submission Option 2: a MP3 file (contestant's name saved as the file name) email to USWestSpeechContest16@gmail.com
 - 3) the printed script of the speech.
 10. Registration (use attached Registration Forms in Chinese and English) **begins on January 4, 2016, and ends on March 12, 2016.** The Application Forms must include a student photo (2 inch x 2 inch /color), a student signature as well as a parent or guardian's signature.
 11. Please place all required materials in one envelope and mail it to the following address, or they can be scanned and emailed to the email address below, postmarked **by March 12, 2016.**

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12. We reserve the right to verify each registered student's enrollment in a Chinese program and to confirm with the teacher about the recommendation before the invitation notice is sent to the contestant by email. Students who do not receive the invitation notice will not be eligible for the contest.

Please note: Incomplete applications will not be processed. All registrations must be postmarked on or before March 12, 2016, and no late registrations will be accepted.