



**The 17th Chinese-Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition
for Foreign Secondary School Students
The 4th Chinese-Bridge Chinese Show for Foreign Primary School Students
The Eleventh CLASS National Chinese Speech Contest for K-12 Students in the US,
2024**

**第十七届“汉语桥”世界中学生中文比赛
第四届“汉语桥”世界小学生中文秀
暨2024年CLASS全美中小学中文比赛(第十一届)**

Date: Sunday, May 19, 2024

Platform: Online (Zoom link to be announced)

Registration Deadline: Monday, April 15, 2024

Organizer: Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools, CLASS

Sponsor: Consulate-General of the P.R.C. in San Francisco

Registration and Rules

1. The contestant must be a student currently enrolled in a Mandarin Chinese program during 2023-2024 school year at a US K-12 school that is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), or other regional accreditation institution, or is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). We accept applications from students whose teacher is a current CLASS member in ANY of the 50 states in the US, and applications from students in the following states within the San Francisco Consular District: Northern California and the States of Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. The teacher of the participating student in each school will be responsible for submitting the application for the student. Each school can submit up to **two** applications.
2. The contestant is a student who does not speak any dialect of Chinese before taking the Chinese course in school, and who has not resided in a Chinese-speaking country or region for more than three years. A heritage speaker of any Chinese dialect who speaks Chinese before taking the Chinese course in school is not eligible. A contestant who has participated in previous years' contests will not be considered.
3. Based on the results of the preliminary screening and selection from all entries received by **Monday, April 15, 2024**, qualified finalists will be invited to participate in the online contest on **Sunday, May 19, 2024**. The First Place winners in each category of the **online contest** may be recommended for further screening to represent US West Coast as contestants in the Chinese-Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Secondary School Students and National Chinese Show for Foreign Primary School Students from the world to be held in China in late summer or early fall, 2024.
4. The theme of the competition is **Fly High with Chinese**, “追梦中文, 不负韶华” in Chinese. Students are free to develop the content based on their own language learning and life experiences. The speech must be between 90 seconds and two minutes in length for elementary school students (K-5) and two to three minutes in length for secondary school students. During the online contest, three questions will be asked

immediately based on the delivered speech, and the contestant must respond appropriately to those questions. Both the speech and the responses to the three questions will be part of the performance for earning scores during the online contest.

5. In addition to the speech, each contestant is expected to prepare for a talent show ranging between two to three minutes in length for the online contest. Forms of the talent show can be, but not limited to: Chinese song, Chinese dance, Chinese folk arts, Chinese musical instrument, Chinese painting or calligraphy, Chinese paper cutting or *Kungfu*. This talent show performance will help the participant to gain extra points for the result of the contest.

6. Grouping Categories:

Group 1: Primary School (K-5)

Group 2: Middle School (6-8)

Group 3: High School (9-12)

7. Submission:

To be entered into a screening for the final online contest, each application for the contestant should be submitted by his or her teacher through the Google Form ([Click here](#)), which includes the following materials:

A. The completed application form

B. YouTube link of your video recorded speech (90 seconds to 2 minutes for K-5 students, and 2-3 minutes for secondary school students)

C. The file of the printable speech script

8. Registration begins on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024** and ends on **Monday, April 15, 2024**. The Google Form will require a scanned image of a formal portrait (or school) photo (2 x 2 inches/color), a student signature, a parent or guardian's signature and the recommending teacher's signature.

9. All submissions (video recordings and Google form) must be received by the deadline of **Monday, April 15, 2024**.

10. We reserve the right to verify each registered student's enrollment in a Chinese program in a school with proper accreditations and to confirm with the teacher about the recommendation before the invitation notice is sent to the contestant by email one week before the online contest.

11. Organizing Committee

Co-Chairs: Baocai JIA, Executive Director of CLASS

Ying JIN, Past President of CLASS

Vice Chairs: Lan Lin, President of CLASS

Yan Wang, First Vice President of CLASS

Members: Carol CHEN-LIN, Treasurer of CLASS

Na Li, Immediate Past President of CLASS

Sara CHAO, Second Vice President of CLASS

Brenda HSU, CLASS Member

Please note: Incomplete applications will not be processed. No late registrations will be accepted.

For more details or to ask questions about this event, please refer to www.classk12.org or email to: CLASS.Speech.Contest@gmail.com