



**The 16th Chinese-Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition
for Foreign Secondary School Students
The 3rd Chinese-Bridge Chinese Show for Foreign Primary School Students
The Tenth CLASS National Chinese Speech Contest for K-12 Students, 2023
第十六届“汉语桥”世界中学生中文比赛
第三届“汉语桥”世界小学生中文秀
暨 2023 年 CLASS 全美中小学中文比赛预赛 (第十届)**

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Platform: Online (Zoom link to be announced)

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 21, 2023

Organizer: The 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 2022-2023 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 any student in the following states within the San Francisco Consular District: Northern California and the States of Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. The teacher 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' contest will not be considered.
3. Based on the results of the preliminary screening and selection from all entries received by **Friday, April 21, 2023**, qualified finalists will be invited to participate in the online contest on **(Saturday, May 20, 2023)**. The First and Second Prize winners in each category of the **online contest** will 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 fall, 2023.
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 are part of the performance for earning scores during the online contest.

5. In addition to the speech, each applicant 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

Group 2: Middle School

Group 3: High School

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. completed application form

B. two separate YouTube links:

1. your video recorded speech (90 seconds to 2 minutes for K-5 students, and 2-3 minutes for secondary school students)
2. your video recorded talent show (2-3 minutes)

C. the file of the printable speech script

8. Registration begins on **Monday, March 20, 2023** and ends on **Friday, April 21, 2023**. 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 **Friday, April 21, 2023**.
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

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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