

## Competition Rules & Guidelines

Updated December 2023

- ★ Teachers may register up to **20 students total** for language events.
- ★ Students participating in a Talent, Art, or Culture event should also register for at least ONE language event (vocab, poetry, reading, speaking).
- ★ Teachers may register **NO MORE than 5 students** in any individual language event (vocab, poetry, reading, speaking).
- ★ Teachers may register **ONE entry** PER event for Music, Dance, Drama, Live Sketch, Exhibit or Culture Bowl (team).
- ★ Teachers may register **TWO entries** PER event for Art, Digital Poster, or Culture Essay.
- ★ Students who are heritage speakers of any language must be **currently enrolled in that language course** to compete in a heritage or advanced level event. Please review the Native & Heritage Speaker guidelines to determine appropriate registration for those students.
- ★ Students may compete in multiple language events if they are **currently enrolled in both language courses**. Please indicate this on the student registration form. Only ONE teacher will need to pay the registration fee for that joint student.
- ★ If there is an event conflict in the schedule, students should go to **TALENT/CULTURE BOWL/VOCAB BEE/LIVE SKETCH events first** and then report to their other individual events. There is an hour time block for students to report. If necessary, they can communicate with the judges or room monitors to let them know they are double-booked.
- ★ **NO REFUNDS** will be given for the competition, so please communicate this with students. If a conflict arises for a student, another student can take their place in the events. **Substitutions and/or registration changes cannot be made after Feb. 28.**
- ★ Participating teachers are expected to help with competitions as judges or volunteers. Teachers can expect to judge 2-3 hours during the day, with breaks provided. Preferred events will be prioritized, but all judging placement will be at the discretion of the committee.
- ★ Judges will use a DIGITAL RUBRIC to score events. Judges are encouraged to bring a device that can access the Google Form rubrics (phone, tablet, or computer). Paper copies will be provided, if necessary.
- ★ A teacher from your school must be present at the awards ceremony to pick up trophies/medals and scoresheets.
- ★ **All participating teachers must have a current AFLTA membership. Membership dues should be paid BEFORE you begin registering students for the competition.** Please do NOT include membership dues with the registration payment.

# Native & Heritage Speaker Guidelines

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★ **Native or Heritage Speakers of languages OTHER THAN SPANISH should all compete in the ADVANCED level for their language, no matter the course level they may be enrolled in.**

★ **For any questions or extenuating circumstances, please contact the competition chair.**

## **To determine appropriate CATEGORIES for SPANISH Native / Heritage Students:**

1. Check any of the following which apply to you.

- ☐ I have participated in a FLES program (Grades K-6) for 3 years or more.
- ☐ I have had exposure to Spanish and limited practice in my home environment.
- ☐ I have been enrolled in a Spanish immersion program for the prior 3 years or more.
- ☐ My principal language is another romance language: French, Italian, Portuguese or Rumanian.

2. Check any of the following which apply to you.

- ☐ I have grown up in a home where Spanish is spoken.
- ☐ I am bilingual to some degree in both English and Spanish.
- ☐ I am currently enrolled in a SNS - Spanish for Native Speakers course.

3. **Determine your category:**

- If you did not check any of the boxes in the information above, then you are in the REGULAR LEARNER category and should select: **Spanish 1, 2, 3, or Adv**
- If you checked any of the boxes in information #1, but none in information question #2, your teacher needs to help you decide the FAIREST category for you to compete (Learner or SHNS-Heritage).
- If you checked any of the boxes in information #2, then you are in the SHNS category (Spanish Heritage & Native Speaker) and should select: **SHNS 1, SHNS 2, SHNS 3, or SHNS Adv**

Spanish 1	First year learning Spanish
Spanish 2	Second year learning Spanish
Spanish 3	Third year learning Spanish
Spanish Adv	Fourth year or beyond
SHNS 1	SNS Level 1 Class OR School where SNS classes are NOT offered, but have lived in the US 6+ years OR School where SNS classes are NOT offered, but are in 9th grade or below
SHNS 2	SNS Level 2 Class OR School where SNS classes are NOT offered, but have lived in the US 2-6 years
SHNS 3	SNS Level 3 Class OR School where SNS classes are NOT offered, but have lived in US less than 2 years
SHNS Adv	SNS Level 4 or AP Spanish Classes