

Middle School Instructions

Middle school participants will have two competition options: Speaking and Reading. Each participant chooses to participate in one or both.

Middle school students are defined as students who receive their first introduction to French / Spanish during their 6th, 7th, or 8th, grade years. Their level would be 1.

Middle school students with any extensive experience in French / Spanish (including immersion programs) should select level 2, 3, or 4.

SPEAKING COMPETITION

Participants will pre-select one topic and pre-prepare to talk in Spanish for 1 minute.

1. ¿Cómo es tu familia?
2. ¿Cómo es tu horario?
3. ¿Qué haces con tus amigos?
4. ¿Cuántas clases tienes? ¿Cómo son?
5. ¿Qué te gusta o no te gusta? ¿Por qué?
6. ¿Qué actividades haces después de la escuela?

Middle school students will receive a certificate of participation but will not be judged against a rubric. Judges may suggest special recognition for participants who spoke exceptionally well.

READING COMPETITION:

Participants will receive a reading and will be allotted 30 seconds to look over the passage and 1 minute to read the passage. At the end of 1 minute, the judges will thank and dismiss the participant. It is intended that the passage will take longer than 1 minute to read to ensure that all participants will read for the entire minute. Participants will be judged on fluency and pronunciation.

Example Reading (actual reading section will be longer): *Mi nueva casa está en una calle ancha que tiene muchos árboles. El piso de arriba de mi casa tiene tres dormitorios y un despacho para trabajar. El piso de abajo tiene una cocina muy grande, un comedor con una mesa y seis sillas, un salón con dos sofás verdes, una televisión y cortinas. Además, tiene una pequeña terraza con piscina donde puedo tomar el sol en verano.*