

2017 Washington State Chinese Language and Talent Competition

Rules and Regulations

1. Talent Show **才艺竞赛 (个人或团体)**

The talent show is a competition designed to showcase contestants' performing talents and creativity. Proficiency in Chinese language is not required. The performance can be of any variety, such as dancing, musical instruments, Chinese yo-yo or kungfu, by an individual or by a team, with a theme or subject related to Chinese culture or folk art. If vocal singing is a major part of the performance, it is recommended to compete in the Chinese Singing category. If your performance will be in the form of short play, talk show, or crosstalk, we suggest you compete in the category of Language Arts. **All performances must not exceed 4 minutes. The judges will score contestants based on what is performed in the first four minutes if the video is longer than 4 minutes.**

Who is eligible?

The Talent Show is open to K-12 students in Washington State. Students may participate in the following divisions:

- Lower Elementary (Grades K-2) 小学低年级组
- Upper Elementary (Grades 3-5) 小学中高年级组
- Middle School (Grades 6-8) 初中组
- High School (Grades 9-12) 高中组

Awards

Awards will be given to the top three performers of each division, individual and team, based on their stage performance in front of the judges.

Judging Criteria

- Culture Immersion and Interpretation: 40%
- Originality/Creativity: 30%
- Presentation: 30%

Please note that parents or teachers may only film the video. Any assistances or cues from the parents or teachers to the contestants during the process of filming are strictly prohibited. The violation of this rule will result in a disqualification.

2. Chinese Singing 歌唱比赛 (个人或团体)

Chinese Singing is a competition designed to showcase contestants' singing talents with the culture immersion and interpretation. Proficiency in the Chinese language is not required; however, the vocal singing must be performed in Mandarin by an individual or by a team (there is no limit to the number of participants on a team). We encourage contestants to sing any folk or popular songs from the world in Mandarin. **All performances must not exceed 4 minutes. The judges will score contestants based on what is performed in the first four minutes if the video is longer than 4 minutes.**

Who is eligible?

The Chinese Singing contest is open to K-12 students in Washington State. Students may participate in the following divisions:

- Lower Elementary (Grades K-2) 小学低年级组
- Upper Elementary (Grades 3-5) 小学中高年级组
- Middle School (Grades 6-8) 初中组
- High School (Grades 9-12) 高中组

Awards

Awards will be given to the top three performers of each division, individual and group, based on their stage performance in front of the judges.

Judging Criteria

- Culture Immersion and Interpretation: 30%
- Voice and Singing Technique: 30%
- Originality/Creativity: 20%
- Presentation: 20%

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3. Language Arts Competition 口语才艺竞赛 (个人或团体)

The objective of the competition is to exhibit the contestants' language gifts through a stage performance. The performance can be in any form, from a crosstalk, tongue twister, joke-telling to short play, or any other type of talk show having been performed in a tea house, theater, the radio or a TV show. Chinese language proficiency is not required and there is no limit on the number of performers (one, or more than one as a group, will work). However, the performance must be done in Mandarin. The content can be either an original or an imitation of the work of other artists. **All performances must not exceed 4 minutes. The judges will score contestants based on what is performed in the first four minutes if the video is longer than 4 minutes.**

Who is eligible?

The Language Arts contest is open to K-12 students in Washington State. Students may participate in the following divisions:

- Lower Elementary (Grades K-2) 小学低年级组
- Upper Elementary (Grades 3-5) 小学中高年级组
- Middle School (Grades 6-8) 初中组
- High School (Grades 9-12) 高中组

Topics:

Chinese idioms (Chengyu):

Chengyu is a type of traditional Chinese idiomatic expression, most of which consist of four characters but are not limited to four characters.

You may use more than one Chinese idiom in the language arts contest if you want.

Awards

Awards will be given to the top three performers of each division, individual or team, based on their stage performance in front of the judges.

Judging Criteria

- Culture Immersion and Interpretation: 40%
- Originality/Creativity: 30%
- Presentation: 30%

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4. Group Poetry Recitation 团体诗歌朗诵

Each team (a minimum of 4 members is required) needs to recite two pieces: one assigned (please see below), and one self-selected. The self-selected piece can be in any of the following styles: chants, lyrics, poems, rhymes, riddles or tongue twisters, etc. **All performances must not exceed 4 minutes. The judges will score contestants based on what is performed in the first four minutes if the video is longer than 4 minutes.** Also, each team needs to submit a copy of the self-selected poem online for the judges to use during scoring.

Who is eligible?

The Group Poetry Recitation is open to Grades K – 12 students in Washington State. Contestants may participate in the following divisions:

- Division:** Lower Elementary (Grades K-2) 小学低年级组
- Upper Elementary (Grades 3-5) 小学中高年级组
- Middle (Grades 6-8) 中学组
- High (Grades 9-12) 高中组

Team Assigned Selections:

- Lower Elementary (Grade K-2) 小学低年级组: 《悯农》 or 《安慰》
- Upper Elementary (Grade 3-5) 小学中高年级组: 《过故人庄》 or 《捉迷藏》
- Middle (Grade 6-8) 中学组: 《西江月 夜行黄沙道中》 or 《纸船-寄母亲》
- High (Grade 9-12) 高中组: 《水调歌头》 or 《不要在那里踱步》

Please download the assigned poems from the WAACE website
<http://www.waace.org/wa-chinese-competition.html>

Awards

Awards will be given to the top three teams of each division based on their performances.

Judging Criteria

- **Content:** Topic clearly expressed in compelling way - 20%
- **Fluency:** Smoothness of delivery - 20%
- **Pronunciation (including Tones):** Clarity of recitation or reading, stress and intonation; accurate tones - 20%
- **Intonation:** Appropriate volume, proper vocal expression to clarify the meaning of the text - 20%
- **Demeanor:** Directness (eye contact), assurance, enthusiasm, poise - 20%

Note: Team must demonstrate harmony, natural coordination and collaboration, sounds in unison.

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5. Individual Poetry Recitation 个人诗歌朗诵

Each contestant needs to recite two pieces: one assigned (please see below), and one self-selected. The self-selected piece can be in any of the following styles: chants, lyrics, poems, rhymes, riddles or tongue twisters, etc. **All performances must not exceed 4 minutes. The judges will score contestants based on what is performed in the first four minutes if the video is longer than 4 minutes.** Also, each contestant needs to submit a copy of the self-selected poem online for the judges to use during scoring.

Who is eligible?

The Individual Poetry Recitation is available only for Grades K–2 students in Washington State. Based on the language proficiency, contestants may choose one of the following classes to participate:

Class : Class A (A 级)
Class B (B 级)
Class C (C 级)

Division: Early Primary (Grades K-2) 小学低年级组 only

Individual Assigned Selection:

- Lower Elementary (Grades K-2) 小学低年级组 《清明》 or 《小鸟音符》

(Two assigned poems with one self-selected poem)

Please download the assigned poems from the WAACE website

<http://www.waace.org/wa-chinese-competition.html>

Awards

Awards will be given to the top three individuals of each division based on the performances.

Judging Criteria

- **Presentation (including visual aids and body expression): 40%**
- **Fluency: 20%**

- **Pronunciation (including Tones): 20%**
- **Level of difficulty: 20%**

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6. Story Telling 说故事

The Story Telling competition provides younger students a forum to use their language skills. The stories can be from books or original compositions. Visual aids or notes during the presentation are allowed. Contestants are encouraged to use body movements to help express the dramatic effects of the story. **All performance must not exceed 4 minutes. The judges will score contestants based on what is performed in the first four minutes if the video is longer than 4 minutes.**

Who is eligible?

The Story Telling competition is open to Grades 3–5 students in Washington State. Based on language proficiency, contestants may choose one of the following classes to participate in:

Class : Class A (A 级)
Class B (B 级)
Class C (C 级)

Division: Upper Elementary (Grades 3-5) 小学中高年级组 only

Awards

Awards will be given to the top three contestants of each division based on their performances.

Judging Criteria

Content (including humor, creativity, and originality) 40%

Presentation (including visual aids and body expression): 30%

Fluency: 30%

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7. Public Speaking 演讲

This competition is for the older students. **The speech is timed and must not exceed 4 minutes. The judges will score contestants based on what is been performed in the first four minutes if the video is longer than 4 minutes.**

Who is eligible?

The Public Speaking competition is open to Grades 6 – 12 students in Washington State. Contestants may participate in the following classes and divisions:

Class :	Class A (A 级)
	Class B (B 级)
	Class C (C 级)
Division:	Middle (Grades 6-8) 中学组
	High (Grades 9-12) 高中组

Topics : Topic for the Middle School Division “我喜欢.....”

Topic for the High School Division “我没有手机的一天”

Awards

Awards will be given to the top three individuals of each division based on the performances.

Judging Criteria:

- **Content:** Clearly defined theme; well-structured and fully developed content; convincing facts and argumentation; relevant details: 30%
- **Language:** Standard Mandarin; clearly articulated pronunciation and intonation; accuracy in word choice; fluency: 25%
- **Presentation:** Natural expression and manner; use of humor; good eye contact, gesture, and body language; use of rhetoric, such as metaphor, analogy etc.: 25%
- **Creativity/Originality:** fresh ideas and humor: 20%

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