

## **2021 Michigan Chinese School Speech Contest**

**Date:** April 10 , 2021 (Saturday)

**Time:** 1:30 PM (Zoom Check-in:1:00- 1:20 PM)

**Location:** Online submission presented over Zoom

**Registration:** 3/6/2021 - 3/28/2021 Please register online at

[http://www.michiganchineseschool.org/blog/?page\\_id=5486](http://www.michiganchineseschool.org/blog/?page_id=5486)

( You may also go to the school website <https://www.michiganchineseschool.org/>. From the dropdown menu under “About Us”, click on "學校主要活動 Major activities", and you will be linked to the event registration page.)

**Video Link Submission:** Presentation link must be submitted by 4/3/2021 (Saturday) 11:59 PM to this email: [MCS2021Speech@gmail.com](mailto:MCS2021Speech@gmail.com)



### **Check-In Time :**

1. Judges/volunteers: Please sign on by 12:30 PM for a rundown using this zoom link: TBD

2. **Participants check-in at 1PM– 1:20 PM.** Please join using this zoom link: TBD

a) Students will then be placed to either Zoom Breakout Room A or B based on their group assignment.

c) Student(s) will not be allowed to participate if they are not present during roll call prior to the commencement of the first speech performance.

### **Qualifications:**

- Participating students must be enrolled at MCS.
- **Group 1 to 5:** Students who have resided in non-Mandarin speaking countries **for a duration longer** than in Mandarin-speaking countries (beginning from age 2 and onward). Students who have resided in Mandarin-speaking countries for 180 consecutive days within three years of May 1st, 2021 should register for Group 6.
- **Group 6:** Students who have resided in non-Mandarin speaking countries **for a duration shorter** than within Mandarin-speaking countries (beginning from age 2 and onward).
- **Group 8, 9, 10 Reciting:**
  - Neither of the student's parents speak fluent Mandarin.
  - The student must be approved by the teacher to qualify for the competition.
  - The actual age of the contestant is calculated based on the inter-school competition date (May 1st, 2021).

Group 8:	Age 4- 10
Group 9 :	Age 11 - 15
Group 10:	Age 16+

**Contest Group and speech time limit :**

Group	Current Grade in American School(s)	Time Limits
1	Kindergarten and under	45 sec. to 2 min.
2	First, Second	45 sec. to 2 min.
3	Third, Fourth	45 sec. to 2 min.
4	Fifth, Sixth,	1.5 min. to 3 min.
5	Seventh and older	1.5 min. to 3 min.
6	No Restriction	1.5 min. to 3 min.
7	Multimedia Presentation (1~3-member group)	3 min. to 4 min.
8	Recite, CFL lower grades: 4 years to 10	30 sec. to 2 min.
9	Recite, CFL upper grades: 11 years to 15	45 sec. to 3 min.
10	Recite, CFL Adults: 16 and older	45 sec. to 3 min.

**Group 7 – Multimedia Presentation:**

- The 1~3-member team will prepare a 3-4 minute presentation on a topic of their choice, and answer three questions from the judge(s). All team-members must take turns to answer questions (each person answering at least one question). Questions from judges must be relevant to the presentation.
- During presentation preparation, students may consult parents and teachers.
- Students may use multimedia applications, body language or poster for their presentation. All verbal communication and responses to judges must be in Mandarin, and traditional-Chinese fonts are strongly encouraged.
- Presentations containing any reference to politics, violence, lewd language, sexual and other inappropriate content will be discontinued immediately.
- Multimedia presentation files will be preserved by MSC as educational references to be shared with MSC teachers and students.

- We hope to promote engaged learning in Chinese culture through student participation in this interactive multimedia presentation experience.

### Evaluation Criteria:

#### G1 to G6 (Speech)

Item	Description	Percentage
A	Pronunciation, Articulation	35%
B	Fluency, Content (age appropriate)	35%
C	Expression, Body language, Voice control	30%

#### G7 (Multimedia Presentation)

Item	Description	Percentage
A	Content (consistent, reasonable)	30%
B	Mandarin Fluency, Articulation, Pronunciation	20%
C	Response to questions	20%
D	Multimedia Design and Creativity	20%
E	Timing	10%

#### G9 to G11 (Recite)

Item	Description	Percentage
A	Pronunciation, Articulation, Clarity	45%
B	Fluency, Voice control	35%
C	Content, Expression, Body language	20%

#### a) Description of each item:

- “Pronunciation, Articulation”: clear, audible voice with appropriate language skills.
- “Content” needs to be age appropriate, consistent and logical.
- “ Expression and Body language” ” includes but is not limited to appropriate apparel, eye contact, stage presence, and facial expressions.
- “Voice control”: speech is poised and controlled with appropriate pace, pauses, pitch, and volume.

b) Group 1 to Group 5: If the students have difficulty memorizing their speech, they are permitted to read from a script to relieve some pressure from the parents.

c) Any questions concerning the judge’s comments can be raised during the feedback session.

### Speech Presentation on Date of Event:

a) Order of presentation will be determined by length of video , with the shorter videos presented first .

b) Out of respect for other students, all participants must be present during the presentation of their group's videos.

c) Videos exceeding the time requirement will be discontinued.

### **Inter-school Speech Contest:**

Top-performing students in the MCS Speech Event will have the opportunity to represent our school at the Inter-School speech Contest on 5/1/2021.

### **Speech/ Presentation/ Recite Video Upload Instructions:**

- **Last day to register for event is 3/28/21 (Sunday) by 11:59pm**
- **Video link submission deadline is 4/3/2021 (Saturday) by 11:59pm**
- **Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted.**
- **Please upload your speech video onto Youtube. Instructions for uploading and adjusting privacy settings on Youtube can be found here:**  
[Youtube uploading/privacy tutorial](#)
- Parents and/or students will retain full control over the uploaded video's privacy settings after the speech event. Video can be made either completely private or removed from Youtube at parents' own discretion.
- Please ensure the video resolution is 1080p or set to HD. Speech video does not have to show student's full body as long as their movements are clearly visible on camera.
- Please review the video prior to submission to ensure successful playback and adherence to the time limit.
- Please submit **Youtube video LINK** and any supporting files (for multimedia presentation) to [MCS2021Speech@gmail.com](mailto:MCS2021Speech@gmail.com) by the submission deadline **4/3/2021 (Saturday) 11:59pm.**

### **Event Rules & Etiquettes:**

- Please remember to mute yourself during speech presentations
- Turning on camera is strongly encouraged
- Student camera must be turned on during feedback from judge(s)
- By registering to participate in this event, participants agree to adhere to the rules of MCS and give permission to MCS to use event pictures, presentations and other texts for publicity and web content.