

2023 Michigan Chinese School Speech Contest

Date: April 15, 2023 (Saturday)

Time: 1:30 PM (Student Sign-in:1:00- 1:20 PM)

Location: Ward Church Grand Hall

Registration: 3/15/2023 - 4/1/2023 Please register online at

https://www.michiganchineseschool.org/blog/?page_id=8523

You may also go to school website <http://www.michiganchineseschool.org>. On the left menu, click "學校主要活動 Major activities", and you will be linked to the registration webpage.

Check-In Time :

1. Judges/Scoring/Timer Please arrive by 12:30 PM for the overview.
2. **Contestants check-in at 1PM– 1:20 PM.** Please report to the **group leader** at Ward Church Grand Hall.
 - a) All contestants must arrive on-time and check-in by 1:20 PM.
 - b) All contestants must show up for the roll call before entering the contest room, or the total average scores will be deducted by 1 point.
 - c) The contestant will be disqualified from the contest if they are not present during roll call. They may, however, be granted a chance to perform at the end of the contest.

Qualifications:

- Participating students must be currently enrolled at MCS.
- **Group 1 - 5:** students resided in non-Chinese speaking countries **longer** than Chinese-speaking countries.
- **Group 6:** students resided in non-Chinese speaking countries **shorter** than Chinese speaking countries.
- **Group 7 & 8:** mixed grades are welcome. Group placement will be based on the highest grade in the group. Ex: A team with 7th & 8th grade students will be placed under group 8.
- **Group 7 & 8 story telling:** If a member is absent on the day of contest, the team will still be able to compete and replacement will be allowed once teachers are informed.
- **Group 9, 10, 11 Recite:**
 - **Both of contestant's parents cannot speak fluent Chinese.**
 - **Qualification must be signed off by the teacher.**
 - **The actual age of the contestant is calculated based on their age on inter-school competition date May 6th, 2023.**
 - 1) **Group 9: 4 years to under 10 (by 5/6/2023)**
 - 2) **Group 10: 10 years to under 14(by 5/6/2023)**
 - 3) **Group 11: 14 and older (by 5/6/2023)**



- Restrictions for first place winners from previous year’s Inter-school Speech Contest:
 - 1) Group 1 to 5 winners must move up one group, or sign up for Group 6.
 - 2) Group 6 winner may sign up for G7 or G8, or conduct demonstration performance after the contest
 - 3) Group 7&8 winners cannot compete this year if the group members are the same as last year.

Contest Group and speech time limit : No microphone will be used.

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	Story Telling: Seventh and under (2 to 3 per team)	1.5 min. to 3 min.
8	Story Telling: Eighth and order (2 to 3 per team)	1.5 min. to 3 min.
9	Recite, CFL lower grades: 4 years to under 10	30 sec. to 2 min.
10	Recite, CFL upper grades: 10 years to under 14	45 sec. to 3 min.
11	Recite, CFL Youth: 14 and older	45 sec. to 3 min.

Group 7 and 8 – Story Telling:

- Each team will be given 1-hour to draw topics and prepare.
- Each topic contains 4 slides of pictures.
- Students must discuss among themselves. Parents and teachers should not offer any help.
- Electronic or mobile devices of any kind will NOT be permitted, or the total average score will be deducted by 1 point. Additionally, contestants will be disqualified if electronic device is used at Inter-school Speech Contest.
- Non-electronic dictionaries are allowed.
- Students must utilize all 4 slides to tell the story, otherwise the total score will be deducted by 10 points.
- Students may bring/use the self-drafted scripts prepared during the group preparation/discussion using the blank paper provided by MCS only for the story telling contest.

Scoring system:

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 and G8 (Story Telling)

Item	Description	Percentage
A	Content (consistent, reasonable)	40%
B	Fluency, Articulation, Pronunciation	30%
C	Expression, Body language	30%

G9 to G11 (Recite)

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

- a) If two contestants have the same total score, the ranking will be based on the order of Item A, B, then C.
- b) Description of each item:
 - "Pronunciation, Articulation" has to be clear.
 - "Content" needs to be age appropriate, consistent and reasonable.
 - " Expression and Body language" " includes but not limit to appropriate apparel, eye contact, stage manners, smile.
 - "Voice control" includes but not limit to Pace, Pause, Pitch, Loudness.
- c) Group 1 to Group 5: If a student has a hard time memorizing their speech, the student is permitted to read from the script to relieve the pressure, but points will be deducted from the final score and the contestant will not be considered for the top 25% ranking.
- d) Any questions concerning the final score should, and can only, be raised immediately upon the result announcement by a MCS teacher on site who was not one of the judges whose scores are challenged. Parents must not be involved.

Violations:

- The contestants must show up for the name call before entering the contest room (1:20 PM), or the total average scores will be deducted by 1 point.
- If contestant's presentation goes under or over the time limit, total score will be deducted 1 point.
- Flash photography is strictly prohibited during the competition. Contestants' total score will be deducted 1 point if flash is used.
- If parents give hints or gesture to the contestants, total score will be deducted by 2 points.
- If parent's phone rings or parent talks on the phone during the competition, the contestant of this parent will lose 2 points of the total score.

- Electronic or mobile devices of any kind will NOT be permitted, or the total average score will be deducted by 1 point. Additionally, contestants will be disqualified if electronic device is used at Inter-school Speech Contest.

Awards:

1. Ranking for top 25% winners, and all contestants will be awarded with medals.
2. The top 25% winners may have the opportunity to participate the Inter-school Speech Contest held on Saturday 5/6/2023 hosted by Ann Arbor Chinese Center of Michigan .

Regulation:

- Smoking is prohibited inside the buildings.
- Food: only allowed at the hallway. Bottled Water has no restriction.
- Infant and young children: children age 4 and under are not allowed in the competition rooms, except contestants.
- Cell phones and pagers need to be turned off or switched to vibration mode.
- Videotaping and camera: No photo shooting and video recording except the student's parent or deputy parent (No flash) . Photoflash is prohibited during the competition. We will have assigned personnel to take photographs and record video which will be downloadable from school website after competition.