

2024 Michigan Chinese School Speech Contest

Date: March 16, 2024 (Saturday)

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

Location: Ward Church Grand Hall

Registration: 2/15/2024 - 3/3/2024

Register online at https://www.michiganchineseschool.org/blog/?page_id=9249

You may also go to the 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 briefing.
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 4/27/2024.
 - 1) Group 9: 4 years to 10 (by 4/27/2024)
 - 2) Group 10: 11 years to 15 (by 4/27/2024)
 - 3) Group 11: 16 and older (by 4/27/2024)



- 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 10	30 sec. to 2 min.
10	Recite, CFL upper grades: 11 years to 15	45 sec. to 3 min.
11	Recite, CFL Youth: 16 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 an electronic device is used at the 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 is not limited to appropriate apparel, eye contact, stage manners, and smiles.
 - "Voice control" includes but is not limited 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 the 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 gestures to the contestants, the total score will be deducted by 2 points.
- If the parent's phone rings or the 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 an electronic device is used at the Inter-school Speech Contest.

Awards:

1. Contestant(s) in the top 25% of his/her group, and all contestants will be awarded with medals.
2. Contestant(s) in the top 25% of his/her group may have the opportunity to participate in the Inter-school Speech Contest held on **Saturday 4/27/2024 hosted by Michigan Chinese School (MCS)** .

Multimedia Presentation: Each group consists of one to two individuals.

- a) If using electronic files, please submit the recorded video and topic file YouTube link before March 10, 2024.
- b) Students will choose their own presentation topics. During preparation, students can seek guidance from parents or teachers. It is recommended that students refer to this year's theme of the National Council of Association of Chinese Language Schools' (NCACLS) national competition: "**Chinese School and Me.**"
- c) For both the presentation topic and format, students are encouraged to use Traditional Chinese characters. They can introduce the topic through electronic multimedia, physical performance, or poster presentations, verbally present their material, and participate in Q&A with the judges.
- d) On the day of the competition, March 16, 2024, students will first present their topic for three to four minutes, followed by three questions from the judges. Each student's answer cannot exceed thirty seconds, and each team member must take turns answering questions (each team member must answer at least one question). Judges can only ask questions related to the students' presentation content. All verbal presentations and answers to judges' questions must be in Chinese.
- e) If any political implications, violence, profanity, pornography, or other inappropriate content are discovered during the presentation, the host will immediately interrupt the presentation.
- f) The organizer will retain all students' multimedia presentation files, which can be used as teaching materials and shared with teachers and students in the association.
- g) It is hoped that through this activity, interactive multimedia teaching, assignments, and reports can be promoted in Chinese schools, encouraging students to research and study Chinese cultural knowledge online.

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.