

2014 Washington State Chinese Language and Talent Competitions

Frequently asked questions:

Q. Why there is a new rule for the individual language-related competitions?

A. The individual language-related competitions include Poetry Recitation 詩歌朗誦, Story Telling 說故事, and Public Speaking 演講. **Class B** in these competitions is reserved for contestants who still find the oral presentation a challenge. In the past, we had a number of contestants whose language skills were much higher than expected signed up for Class B. To better reflect the contestants' language skills, we will promote those who are over-qualified for Class B to again compete in Class A. The scores they earn in Class B will be voided. Please be sure to check the promotion list at the administrative office after completion of the event. If you don't know which class to register, please consult with your Chinese language teacher or email ce2013competition@culturalexploration.org.

Q. How can contestants participate in multiple events when it appears there are schedule conflicts? Example, the China Knowledge Bowl and the Public Speaking event.

R. In order to finish all the competitions in one day, unavoidably some of the categories must overlap. However, that doesn't mean the contestants are limited to compete. The general rule of thumb is that if there is more than one event scheduled for the same time, report **first** to the team competition. If there is more than one team competition scheduled at the same time, use this order: 1. China Knowledge Bowl 中國常識搶答, 2. Talent Show 才藝競賽, then 3. Group Choral Reading 團體組詩詞朗誦. After the team competition completes, report to the room assigned for the individual category. Example, to participate in both the China Knowledge Bowl and Public Speech, finish the China Knowledge Bowl (which is scheduled from 9:00am – 9:30am) first, contestant will still have 20 minutes left to join the Public Speech event(which is scheduled from 9:00am – 9:50am).

Q. When will I know the result of the competitions?

A. The awards ceremony will be held on the same day as the competition, beginning at 2:00PM at **Chief Sealth International High School's** auditorium. Unless noted otherwise, the top three performers in each category, division, and class will be awarded with trophies as well as scholarships (\$50 for individual, and \$100 for the team competition) at the ceremony. The winning certificate issued by OSPI will be mailed to the administrative office of your regular school. 47 individuals and 42 teams will receive awards this year.

Q. Will there be food served at the site?

- A. For your convenience, there will be a food stand on site run by the community volunteers offering lunch selections, snacks, and drinks at a reasonable price. There will also be a resting area for the contestants and parents to wait and relax. Please feel free to bring family and friends to come and join the audience.

Q. May I come to observe?

- A. Of course. The event is open to general public free of charge. Please drop by anytime. The first competition begins at 9:00am, the last 2:00pm. The award ceremony follows right after at 2:00pm.