

2010 CLIP Chinese Language Contest and Art Contest Rules and Policies

Categories of Contest

The 2010 CLIP Chinese Language Contest Committee offers two groups of categories:

- 1) **Three categories in Art Contest:** Chinese Brush Painting, Chinese Calligraphy, and Western Painting.
- Starts from January 7 (Take home) and the artwork should be turned into the office by Monday, January 11, 2010 12:00pm.
- 2) **Six categories in Language Contest:** Speech, Read Aloud, Reading Comprehension, Penmanship Writing, Zhuyin Spelling, and Essay Composition.
- Contest Date: Friday, January 22, 2010 2:50 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. approx. (On site)

Online Registration deadline: Tuesday, 12/15/09 8:00 p.m.

Division

CLIP Chinese Language Contest is based on grade level. However, ANCCS contest is based on age group. ANCCS has the following age groupings, which divide the students into three divisions: **Cut-off date is 12/31**

| Group | Age | Birthday Range | Birth Year |
|-------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| B | 10 (inclusive) – 12 yrs old | 01/01/1997 – 12/31/1999 | 97, 98, 99 |
| C | 7 (inclusive) – 9 yrs old | 01/01/2000 – 12/31/2002 | 00, 01, 02 |
| D | 6 yrs old(inclusive)) and under | 01/01/2003 and after | After 2002 |

If there are two or more grade winners fall into the same age grouping of ANCCS, only one representative will represent CLIP to participate in the ANCCS contest. Judges will determine the selection of final representative.

Selection for CLIP representatives

It is voluntary for selected winners to participate in any external Chinese language contests. The first place winners from the CLIP Chinese Language Contest will be given first priority in the selection of representatives for ANCCS contests and other external speech contests such as CLTAC. Judges will determine the selection of final representatives.

CLTAC speech contest is open to all students of all grade levels. Each teacher can register up to 5 students per class for the contest.

Selection of Categories

This year we will have different contest dates for Art Contest from the Chinese Language Contest. We would like to encourage students with different interests and talents to participate in this contest.

Each student can select either:

- (1) **One Language category or**
- (2) **One Art category or**
- (3) **One Language category AND One Art category**

Please talk with your child before registration and choose one that your child is most interested. Please choose the category carefully since you are not allowed to change the category after the registration deadline.

General rules

- A panel of CLIP teachers will serve as judges. The method of judging will be solely up to the judging committee and that decisions of judges will be final in all cases.
- Only the contestants will be permitted in the room with judges and parent volunteer(s).
- Parent volunteers are not permitted to volunteer in the same room as their child is participating in.
- The results of the contest will be posted on the competition date. Awards will be given later.
- The contestants should check in at least 10 minutes before their scheduled time.
- The door will be closed during the contest, and no entry will be allowed after the door is closed.
- It is the parents' responsibility to make sure the contestants arrive on time for check in. **(Note: late check in students may result in disqualification)**
- If contestants are absent due to illness, he/she will be disqualified.
- The committee reserves the right to change the time and place of the contest if necessary.
- The committee reserves the right to disqualify contestants who misbehave during the contest.
- The committee reserves the right to cancel the contest if there is low enrollment in any of the category.
- Contestants are expected to respect other contestants during the contest.
- Contestants may receive up to two warnings about behavior. After two warnings, point may be deducted.
- It is the parents' responsibility to prepare contestants for the contest, such as practicing at home.
- It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that contestants are in his/her best condition before the contest.
- Please ensure your kid had a good night sleep the night before.
- Please give your child a snacks/drink and had already gone to bathroom before contest check-in time.
- No food or drinks will be allowed during the contest.
- The committee reserves the right to govern any rules that are not covered by this document.

Category Information

- **Speech**

Length of the speech:

The speech is required to be between 2 minutes 30 seconds to 3 minutes long. Points will be taken off if the speech is too long or too short.

Topics:

The topic for this year is open. You may also select the topic from ANCCS:

- Group B: Exercise and Health (運動與健康)
- Group C: The Joy of Getting up Early (早起的快樂)
- Group D: So long as I grow up (只要我長大)

Costume/Apparel:

Appropriate dress code will be taken into consideration in judging the speech delivery. Points will be taken off for inappropriate attire. No shorts, no tennis shoes, inappropriate pictures or words on t-shirts/shirts are also not allowed.

Judges and judging criteria:

A volunteer parent (timekeeper) will be sitting with the panel to record the time of speech.

If the speech is not delivered at the designated time for any reason, the contestant will forfeit his/her scheduled slot for the speech.

Speech judging criteria: pronunciation 25%, content 30%, intonation 20%, delivery 25%.

- **Read Aloud:**

Please go to http://www.anccs.org/09-10/Activities_Committee/2010_ReadAloud_Traditional.pdf to download group appropriate essays for the read aloud category.

For read aloud contest, contestants will be reading one mandatory essay and one elective essay (Choose one out of three elective essays from the appropriate age group essays).

Contestant should bring their own folder of essays to the contest.

Main focus on this category should be expressing the emotion and meaning of the essay.

Judging Criteria:

Verbal 60% (pronunciation, intonation, breathing, volume), and non-verbal 40% (artistic expression).

- **Reading Comprehension:**

Contestants are responsible to bring their own pencil and eraser. Papers will be provided.

The following information is based on ANCCS grouping information, which the committee will adapt for the contest.

| Group | Birthday Range | Format |
|-------|-------------------------|--|
| B | 01/01/1997 – 12/31/1999 | Chinese characters and phonetic symbol |
| C | 01/01/2000 – 12/31/2002 | Chinese characters and phonetic symbol |
| D | 01/01/2003 and after | Only phonetic symbol |

The Test:

B group contain 4 articles, C group contain 3 articles and D group contains 3 articles. The test includes multiple choices questions and simple questions.

Time allotted: 50 minutes.

Judging criteria:

Judging is base on point reduction system; 2 points deduction on a wrong multiple choices' answer and 5 points deduction on a wrong simple question's answer.

- **Chinese Penmanship:**

Contestants are responsible to bring their own pencil and eraser. Papers will be provided.

Contestants can write as many times as they want, but are only allowed to turn in one piece of work.

Time allotted: 50 minutes.

Judging criteria:

- 1.) Structure and artistic (40%), neatness (30%), stroke order and correctness (30%).
- 2.) Same mistake will only get ½ point deduction once.

- **Zhuyin Spelling:**

Contestants are responsible to bring their own pencil and eraser. Papers will be provided.

Contestants will listen to recording and write down the spelling.

There are total of 150 words for group B and C; 100 words for group D which include words, phrases and a short article.

Time allotted: 50 minutes.

Judging criteria:

- 1.) Judges will evaluate each piece holistically, and rank pieces accordingly.
- 2.) Correct Zhuyin writing and tone notation.
- 3.) Correct Zhuyin writing with wrong tone notation or tone placement will get ½ point deduction.
- 4.) Same mistake will only get ½ point deduction once. .

● **Essay Composition (Chinese essay writing)**

Students in C and D groups will be given a picture prompt for their essay. Students in Group B will be given a written prompt.

Students may bring their own dictionary. Essays need to be written using Chinese characters or bo-po-mo-fo phonetic symbols. There will be no penalty for incorrect characters.

Time allotted: 1 hour and 45 minutes

Judging criteria:

- 1.) Topic (40%), Content (30%), Language/ phrase usage (20%), logicity of paragraphs (10%)
- 2.) If the content of the essay reveals student/ school identity in any way the entry will be disqualified.

● **Chinese Painting**

Self-selected topic. Paper and materials are to be supplied by the contestant. There is no limit to the size of paper used.

The paper cannot be marked, and a draft cannot be used. Entries will be disqualified if guidelines are not adhered to.

Judging criteria:

- 1.) Judges will evaluate each piece holistically, and rank pieces accordingly.
- 2.) If needed, additional judging will take place. Pieces will be judged for ambience, use of the brush, ink color, and structure of the piece.

Turn in one piece of artwork to the office by 1/11/2010 12:00pm.

● **Chinese Calligraphy**

Purpose: Provide and nurture appreciation for Chinese calligraphy and the ability to create Chinese calligraphy.

Group B only.

- 1.) Two pieces of 15" x 30" paper will be provided.
- 2.) Do not include any punctuation marks when writing characters. Do not write your name. Type of calligraphy is not limited.
- 3.) Line of direction for all pieces are to be from top to bottom, right to left. When complete, only one sheet can be turned in for judging.
- 4.) There are three sets of characters for practice. Final character set will be chosen among these three sets on 1/7/2010.

- 1 . 千里始足下，高山起微塵。吾道亦如此，行之貴日新。
- 2 . 盛年不重來，一日難再晨，及時當勉勵，歲月不待人。
- 3 . 風勁角弓鳴，將軍獵渭城。草枯鷹眼疾，雪盡馬蹄輕。

Example:

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|--|---|---|---|
| | 之 | 微 | 千 |
| | 貴 | 塵 | 里 |
| | 日 | 吾 | 始 |
| | 新 | 道 | 足 |
| | | 亦 | 下 |
| | | 如 | 高 |
| | | 此 | 山 |
| | | 行 | 起 |

Judging criteria:

- 1.) Overall layout and the technique of writing: 60%
- 2.) Structure of characters: 40%

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● **Western Painting**

Topic will be given on Thursday, January 7, 2010. Paper will be supplied.

Judging criteria:

- 1.) Judges will evaluate each piece holistically, and rank pieces accordingly.
- 2.) If needed, additional judging will take place. Pieces will be judged for creativity, color, adherence to the topic and structure.

Turn in one piece of artwork to the office by 1/11/2010 12:00pm.