

CLIP Chinese Language Contest Rules and Policies

Contest date: Friday, January 20, 2012

Time: 2:30 pm. to 5:30 pm.

Registration deadline: 8 pm. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Categories of competition:

Speech, Recite Read-Aloud, Penmanship Writing, Zhuyin Spelling, Pinyin Spelling, Chinese Brush Painting, Chinese Calligraphy and Western Painting.

Division:

CLIP age category is based on ANCCS requirement

<http://www.bcs-usa.org/ANCCS/2012AC/index.htm>

ANCCS has the following age groupings, which divide the students into three divisions:

| Division | Age | Birth Date | Birth Year |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| B | 10–13 | 01/01/1999 – 12/31/2001 | 99, 00, 01 |
| C | 7–10 | 01/01/2002 – 12/31/2004 | 02, 03, 04 |
| D | Below 6 | 01/01/2005 and after | After 2005 |

Selection for CLIP representatives to participate other contest:

It is voluntary for selected winners to participate Chinese Language contests outside of CLIP. The first place winners from the CLIP Chinese Language Contest will be given first priority in the selection of representatives for ANCCS contests. Judges will determine the selection of final representatives to represent from CLIP.

Selection of Categories:

The Chinese Language Contest committee would like to encourage students with different interests and talents to participate in this contest. There are eight categories offered this year: speech, read aloud, penmanship writing, Zhuyin spelling, Pinyin spelling, Western art, Chinese brush painting, and Calligraphy. **Each student is only allowed to choose one category from the language contest and/or one category from the art contest, and the registration of the category is not able to change after the registration deadline.**

General rules:

- A panel of CLIP teachers will serve as judges, the judges will form the judge committee who will provide final judgment of each categories.
- The method of judging will be solely up to the judging committee and the 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 be in the same room as their child is in the room.
- 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 the contest scheduled.
- The door will be closed during the contest, and no entry will be allowed after the door is closed.
- It is parents' responsibility to make sure the contestants check in on time. Student with **late check-in may result of disqualification from the contest.**
- If contestants are absent due to illness or any other reasons, he/she will automatic disqualify.
- 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.
- Contestant is expected to respect other contestants during the contest.
- It is parents' responsibility to prepare contestants for the contest.
- Contestant should prepare the contest outside of the CLIP.
- Please ensure your kid had a good night sleep.
- Contestants should use bathroom, eat snacks before the contest.
- No food or drinks will be allowed during the contest.
- The CLC Committee reserve the right to govern rules & policies that are not covered by this document.

Information of Each Category:

- **Speech:**

The purpose of this category is to provide an opportunity for speakers to improve their speaking abilities and to recognize the best as encouragement to all. All contestants must prepare their speech.

Length of the speech:

The speech is required to be 2.5 minutes to 3 minutes. Points will be taken off if the speech is too long or too short. Timers shall provide warning signal lights to the contestants, which shall be clearly visible to the speakers but not obvious to the audience.

- A **green signal** will be displayed at five minutes and displayed for one minute.
- An **amber signal** will be displayed at six minutes and displayed for one minute.
- A **red signal** will be displayed at seven minutes and remain on until the conclusion of the speech

Topics:

Contestants can choose the speech topic from ANCCS or choose any topic they want for the speech contest. The ANCCS topics for 2012 Mandarin speech category are as follow:

- Group B: What can I do for the community?
- Group C: What can I do for the country?
- Group D: What can I do for the earth?

Costume/Apparel:

Try to choose an outfit that is simple, polished and professional clothing. Shorts, tennis shoes, jeans and T-Shirts are not allowed.

Judges and judging criteria:

A volunteer parent (timekeeper) will be in the classroom to record the time of speech. If contestant missed his/her term of speech, the contestant will forfeit his/her scheduled slot for the speech.

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

- **Read Aloud:**

The purpose of this category is to courage students to express the emotion and meaning in the article. For Read Aloud contest, contestants will be reading one mandatory article and one elective article (Choose one out of three elective essays from the appropriate age group essays).

Please download the group appropriate essays for the Read Aloud category from the CLIPCO website.

Costume/Apparel:

Try to choose an outfit that is simple, polished and professional clothing. Shorts, tennis shoes, jeans and T-Shirts are not allowed.

Judging Criteria:

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

- **Chinese Penmanship:**

The purpose of this category is to encourage students to write Chinese characters in correct stroke orders and neatness.

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

Contestants can write as many times as they want in 50 minutes time but are only allowed to turn in one piece of final work.

Judging criteria:

Structure and artistic (40%), neatness (30%), stroke order and correctness (30%).

Same mistake will only deduct once, 0.5 point.

- **Zhuyin Spelling:**

The purpose of this category is to encourage students to spell the correct Zhuyin by listening.

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

Contestants will listen to recording and write down Zhuyin from the given sheet.

There are total of 100 words which include words, phrases and a short article.

Judging criteria:

Correct Zinyin writing and tone notation.

Mistake with tone will deduct 0.5 point.

Same mistake will only deduct once for 0.5 point.

- **Pinyin Spelling:**

The purpose of this category is to encourage students to spell the correct Pinyin by listening.

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

Contestants will listen to recording and write down the Pinyin spelling.

There are total of 120 words which include words, phrases and a short article.

Judging criteria:

Correct Pinyin writing and tone notation.

Mistake with tone will deduct 0.5 point.

Same mistake will only deduct once, 0.5 point.

- **Western Painting :**

Topic will be assigned at the date of contest.

Materials need to be supplied by the contestant. There is no limit to the number of supplies or type of supplies the contestant uses. Paper will be supplied by the test site.

Judges will evaluate each piece holistically, and rank pieces accordingly.

If needed, additional judging will take place. Pieces will be judged for creativity, color, adherence to the topic and structure.

- **Chinese Painting :**

Self-selected topic

Paper will be provided by the test site, and materials are to be supplied by the contestant. The paper cannot be marked, and a draft cannot be used. Entries will be disqualified if guidelines are not adhered to.

Judges will evaluate each piece holistically, and rank pieces accordingly.

If needed, additional judging will take place. Pieces will be judged for ambience, use of the brush, ink color, and structure of the piece.

- **Chinese Calligraphy :**

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

Rules:

1. Test site will provide the 15” x 30” paper. Each contestant will be provided with 2 pieces of paper.
2. Do not include any punctuation marks when writing characters. Words are unlimited. 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.