

2016 Washington State Chinese Language and Talent Competition

Frequently asked questions:

Q1. Why there is a new rule in the individual language-related competitions for promoting Class B contestants to Class A and Class C to Class B?

A. The individual language-related competitions include Poetry Recitation 诗歌朗诵, Story Telling 说故事, and Public Speaking 演讲. **Class B and Class C** in these competitions are reserved for contestants who communicate well in Chinese but carry an accent or 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 or Class C. To better reflect the contestants' language skills, we will promote those who are over-qualified for Class B to again compete in Class A and Class B to Class C. The scores they earn in Class B or Class C 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 ce2016competition@culturalexploration.org.

Q1.1 I mistakenly signed up my daughter for the Class A category when she should be Class B, as she is non-heritage. Would you be able to modify this, and confirm back with me?

A. Just as a clarification, the Competition Class is based on the contestant's individual language ability (not based on the contestant's family background or birth of origin). Just because your daughter is non-heritage, doesn't mean she should automatically sign up for Class B. Also, please note that the judges have the right to promote students whose Chinese language skills are much higher than expected for Class B or Class C to again compete in Class A or Class B and the scores that they earned in Class B or Class C will be voided.

Please read the Rules & Regulations documented on our website at

<http://culturalexploration.org/Public/Articles/cearticle.aspx?theme=maroon&path=/talent/guidelines&content=ceguidelines>

and make your choice accordingly.

Q2. How can contestants participate in multiple events when it appears there are schedule conflicts? Example, the China Knowledge Bowl and the Public Speaking event.

A. 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, 3. Singing 歌唱比賽, 4. Group Poetry Recitation 團體組詩詞朗誦. and then 5. Chinese Language Arts 口語才藝競賽. 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). If you need to leave early for another competition, please be sure to let the event facilitator know. You will be put on to perform as soon as it can be arranged.

Q3. Is there a category for individual Chinese singing 歌唱比賽 for middle to high school students? In the Rules section, it implies that individuals may participate, but there is no such category in the drop-down box for individual middle/high school students. Also, it states that there is no limit to the number of students in the team competition. Does that include 1 person? I am going to register my student for the team singing category as a team of one.

A. In Singing competition (as well as the Talent Show) there is no separation of individual or team. One person can form a team and compete with others. When you register, you will choose "Team" on the registration page and list one or as many teammates in the "Add Contestants" list box.

Note: Starting 2015, individual contestants can use the “Individual” bottom on the “Registration” page to sign up for those competitions such as Chinese singing 歌唱比賽, Talent Show才藝競賽, or Language Arts 口语才藝競賽 that requires one or more than one persons in a team to compete. The awards will be giving to the top three individuals AND also the top three teams.

Q3.1. I am interested in taking part in the Chinese singing competition 歌唱比賽. However, it's in the "Group" category. Can I just compete by myself only? Because my song is pretty hard for practicing, and it's too hurry to find any partner.

A. The singing competition has no requirement for the number of team members. You can be by yourself in a team. When you sign up, just list yourself in the contestant list.

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Q4. I have registered on line for my son to the talent show section 才藝競賽 but there is not an option to add a helper for background percussion music. How I can do that on line and do I need to pay for the helper too?

A. When you register for Talent Show, there is a place for you to add more than one person to a team. In your case, you should add the helper as one of the team members unless this

helper is in college or older (this competition is only for grades K-12). If this is the case, I would suggest you to record the music onto a CD. The competition is \$5 per person per category signed. For the performer and the “helper”, the registration fee is \$10.

Q5. I am a student in Middle School. I have a concern about the Chinese Knowledge Bowl 中國常識搶答. Last year, I signed up to do it. My team and I studied and studied for it, but the written test had nothing to do with the things we studied on the packet. The test talked about news about China. I was just wondering if the test is about what's on the packet?

A. All the written questions last year were from the study guide. Only the tie breaker questions (5 in total) were related to the current event and not from the study guide. The tie breakers are counted only when there are two teams with the same score competing for the 8th position, however, there was no such case last year. Please note that although all questions were from the study guide, they were paraphrased, hence didn't look exactly the same word-by-word.

Q6. We have registered for the team competition of poetry recital 團體組詩詞朗誦. For this competition, do we choose any poetry freely or there is a list of poetry that we should use for competition?

A. Each team in the group poetry recitation competition needs to recite two pieces: one assigned and one self-selected. You can find the assigned poem at our website at http://culturalexploration.org/documents/talent/2014%20assigned_poems_poetry_recitation.pdf. Also please read the regulation for your competition at our website at <http://culturalexploration.org/Public/Articles/cearticle.aspx?theme=maroon&path=/talent&content=cetalent>, so you don't miss out the important information.

Q7. The past two years, my son and three other friends have done the group poetry recitation together. This year, two of them are 6th graders and two are 5th graders. Could they all compete in the middle school group? Could they compete in Knowledge Bowl 中國常識搶答?

A. 1. In a mixed group, we used the oldest kid's age to determine the grade level they compete.
2. Yes, they can compete in the knowledge bowl in the Junior High School level.

Q8. Our group have 7 kids, 1 is 4 yrs old, 1 is 5, 2 are 8, 2 are 9, and 1 is 12. The 12 year old one is in 6 grade, but in her school district 6 grade is still in elementary. So which group we should register? Grade 3 -5? or Grade 6-8?(this is middle school group)

A. Accordingly to our regulation, in a mix-aged group (such as in your case), the age group you enter is based on the "oldest" member of the group (in your case is the one in the 6th grader).

Although your 6th grade is still in elementary in her school district, but to be fair to everyone else, you should still sign up for the "Middle School" division.

Q9. 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.

Q10. 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.

Q11. 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.