

## **FLAG Contest Frequently Asked Questions - UPDATED 1/12/2025**

- 1) **Who may participate in this contest?** ONLY FLAG members' students may participate in this contest.
- 2) **What is the contest schedule?**
  - USUALLY - this is the day's schedule
  - Rolling Registration from: 8-10am (not everyone has to arrive at 8 a.m.)
  - Judges' Meeting: 8:45am
  - Contests begin at 9am
  - Registration closes at 10am
  - Contest concludes when the last awards are distributed, usually @ noon.
- 3) **How many students can I send/register?** 8 per the number of judges supplied, per school.  
  
e.g. 8 Spanish students = 1 Spanish teacher/judge; 35 Spanish students from one school = *at least* 4 teacher/judges.
- 4) **Are you allowed to judge your own students?** You may end up judging your own students if there is no other judge for your students' language. We will make every effort to avoid this.
- 5) **What happens if my student's name is misspelled at registration?** PLEASE TRIPLE CHECK YOUR STUDENTS' NAMES/SPELLING BEFORE SUBMITTING REGISTRATION. When the student checks in, have him/her/they check their name.
- 6) **Is there a discount for more students?** It is \$8 per student registered. Please try to pay online) [FLAG MS/HS Registration](#)

### **Checks Payable to**

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### **Nota Bene:**

- Schools will be charged based on the number of **registrants** regardless of "no show" status.
  - If a registered student is unable to attend, teachers may bring substitutes, submit a new name upon check-in. Please be sure to inform substitute participants of contest format and requirements.
- 7) **Who pays for the contest?** The students can pay, the school can pay, the teacher can pay. In the past, some schools have drawn funds from "club" accounts. In my experience, I would pay out of my club account, but if the student was a "no show" they could reimburse the club.
  - 8) **If a student does not compete, will the registration be reimbursed?** No, the certificates, medals, and judges' honorarium are all based on the registration total.
  - 9) **Do I have to serve as a judge?** If you send up to 8 students, you must serve as a judge. We do welcome all judges. It helps move the contest along more quickly. It can show you what other students know (compared to your own). It gives you a chance to interact with another young person in a positive way.
  - 10) **Are teacher judges paid?** All judges will receive a small honorarium.

- 11) **How long will the judge window be?** It is estimated that each judge will work around 2-3 hours. This depends on participation of students AND of adults!
- 12) **How will students be judged?** Scorecards will be a Google form that judges can fill out while judging.
- 13) **When is the deadline for registration? NO LATE REGISTRATION.** Please make payments ASAP.
- Jenkins HS, Savannah: Mar 1<sup>st</sup> @11:59pm
  - Westover Comp HS, Albany: Mar 8<sup>th</sup> @11:59pm
  - Seckinger HS, Metro ATL: April 19<sup>th</sup> @11:59pm
- 14) **Why are the contests scheduled (where and when) this year?** FLAG tries to schedule events so that they are not on back-to-back weekends. Host schools also have a hand in scheduling. The schedules of the administrators are also considered.
- 15) **Can other schools host the spoken language contest?** Yes, please send a message to [psanchez.flag@gmail.com](mailto:psanchez.flag@gmail.com) to discuss criteria.
- 16) **What is the difference between Heritage and Native speakers? How will they be judged?** *Native speakers* are students who have 3 or more years of formal, secondary study in their language while living in their country of origin or who speak the language primarily at home.\*  
*Heritage speakers* are students whose principal experiences with Spanish are here in the USA. They have lived here most of their life, but Spanish is spoken in their home.
- \*Spanish [Heritage/Natives Rubric](#) / \*Spanish [Native/Heritage Topics and Tips](#)
- It has been requested that native/heritage Chinese students be judged with a rubric similar to the native/heritage Spanish rubric. This is under consideration.
- 17) **As a judge, what do I ask? How do I assess?** Be fair based on what the kids can do. Think about the rubric versus the student, not the students versus each other. There will be picture prompts available.
- Judges: Feel free to reach out to the teacher of the student group you will judge to ask about their current or recent content, topics, procedures in order for you to ask the right questions. This will give your contestants a more positive and successful experience.
- 18) **How long should each time slot be for each student?** Until the conversation ends...around 5 minutes.
- 19) **Do we need to record the students' performance while they are talking and submit the recording to you later?** No, but you are welcome to take notes. All scoring is submitted via google form.

**Is there something missing? Please re-read the answers to the FAQs above. If there is any confusion or if you still have a question, please email [psanchez.flag@gmail.com](mailto:psanchez.flag@gmail.com) .**