



FSSC 2023

Primera circular

August 23, 2022

Oak Hall , host school for the **2023** Florida State Spanish Conference (#FSSC2023), invite your school to participate in this year's conference. The purpose of this conference is to bring together those students who have demonstrated their knowledge of the Spanish language and who have expressed an interest in competing in the following areas: impromptu speeches, declamation, and dramatic presentation. The theme for 2023 is “Unidos Somos Más Fuertes”. We will be attaching a letter from the host schools explaining the cultural project with the next Circular.

Dates:

March 9-11, 2023

Location:

Orlando Wyndham Resorts, 8001 International Drive (and Sand Lake Rd), Orlando, FL 32819

Eligibility:

Set by Florida Statutes for Interscholastic Competition:

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or better for the grading period immediately preceding the competition, and they must have passed five of seven or five of six classes.

Divisions:

There will be two divisions with equivalent trophies awarded for each division. * The maximum number of delegates representing any one school is **sixteen**.

Division I: **70% or more** of total delegates must be in category A, with a **maximum of 30%** of total delegates in categories B, C, and D.

Number of students	70% minimum number of students in category A	30% - maximum number of students in categories B, C, D
16	11	5
15	11	5
14	10	4
13	9	4
12	8	4
11	8	3
10	7	3
9	6	3
8	6	2
7	5	2
6	4	2
5	4	1
4	3	1
3	2	1
2	1	1

Division II: **more than 30%** of total delegates in categories B, C, and D.

Number of students in team	Minimum number of students in categories B, C, D
16	5
15	5
14	4
13	4

12	4
11	3
10	3
9	3
8	2
7	2
6	2
5	2
4	1
3	1
2	1

Competitions:

There are three types of academic competitions:

Impromptu Speeches:

Every student will give a two-minute discourse on a given topic. A list of sample topics is available on the web site: www.thefssc.org under the **"HOW IT WORKS"** tab, find **TEMAS** page, **click on odd years button**. Please note that the topics **HAVE CHANGED**. Each school may have up to sixteen delegates on the team, however **all** delegates must participate in Impromptu Speech.

Declamation:

A **maximum of six** delegates may compete in an **oral presentation of a poem (1 min minimum for all students in level 1A, 1B and level 2A; 2 min minimum for levels 1C, 1D and 2B through level 6**. Declamations are **not to exceed 3 minutes**.) *Costume and movements of interpretation permitted and encouraged. NO INSTRUMENTS OR SINGING OF THE DECLAMATION.*

Dramatic presentation:

Each school may enter one skit or short play, through which triple point value will be obtained. **THE PLAY MUST BE OF SPANISH ORIGIN – A SPANISH AUTHOR – OR AN ADAPTATION OF ONE.**

Level of Spanish Proficiency:

Students will compete according to the level of the class in which they are enrolled (**Spanish I-VI**). Students enrolled in an AP Spanish class should be listed according to the numerical level corresponding to their years of study of Spanish. There is no AP category, therefore **AP Language** is considered **five years** and **AP Literature** is considered **six years**. Also, students will be classified according to their level of proficiency:

- A. Students have ONLY learned Spanish in the classroom.
- B. Students with limited outside experience at home or in a Spanish-speaking environment.
- C. Students with extensive outside experience.

D. Students reared and educated in a Spanish-speaking environment.

Judging:

Two judges will rate each delegate on the basis of diction, interpretation, and overall performance.

Awards:

Each entrant will receive one of four assessments: "Bueno", "Excelente", "Superior" and "Sobresaliente".

In each of the school-size groupings defined by the Florida High School Activities Association (9A, 8A, 7A, 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A) an outstanding school will be named in each division based on total points accrued by its delegates.

In order to have a chance at a trophy; a school must enter **ALL** three areas of competition with the maximum number of competitors allowed in each category.

Individual students may choose to participate in the non-academic regional dress and/or entertainment (singing, dancing, musical instrument) competitions at the banquet for personal awards, but these scores will have no bearing on the outstanding school award. Each school may also enter one scrapbook and a poster depicting the conference theme.

For complete schedule, rules and regulations for all events, visit NEW & IMPROVED www.thefssc.org

REMEMBER FOR 2023

Registration Fees:

- 1- Each student and teacher chaperone/sponsor attending, pays a **\$70.00** registration fee.
- 2- If the chaperone is a **NON-FACULTY MEMBER** the fee is **\$80.00**. All registration fees include the use of the conference facilities, banquet, the dance Friday evening, and all trophies, ribbons, certificates, and judge's expenses.
- 3- For each school participating, there will be a **\$125.00** registration fee that helps defray the cost of the workers brought to run the conference. **THIS NON-REFUNDABLE FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THE SCHOOLS' PRE-REGISTRATION FORM OF INTENT TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.**

Hotel:

- 1- Every school in attendance **MUST STAY** at the Orlando Wyndham Resorts where the competition takes place.
- 2- **Resort Fee Benefit Waived: The Resort Fee Charge of \$15.95 is waived for the group.**
- 3- The **cost per room** (up to 4 persons of the same sex) **per night**, will be **\$151.00** plus tax (Bring copy of your Federal Tax-Exempt number).

The cost includes:

Group benefits at no additional charge: (Daily Benefits and value)

- >Wireless in room high speed internet (\$9.95)
- >Daily Fitness Center and Spa Access including unlimited use of equipment, sauna, steam room, lockers and shower facilities (\$10.00)
- >Usage of the 24 hour technology lounge computers with internet (\$10.00)
- >Live network airline kiosk with board pass printer (\$2.00)
- >Up to first 30 minutes of long distance telephone calls (within continental US) (\$3.00)
- >Unlimited local and toll free telephone calls (\$2.00)
- >Weekday newspaper in hotel lobby and fitness center (\$2.00)
- >Scheduled daily bus transfers to and from Universal Studios, SeaWorld and Universal's City Walk (\$10.00)

Sponsors:

There must be one school sponsor for the first ten students and one co-sponsor for the other six students. The conference is promoted by the Florida Chapter of AATSP, therefore each teacher sending his/her students to participate must pay a Point Room FEE. This fee helps defray the cost of the Points Room supplies and contributes to the number of Senior Essay Cash Awards available. The **Florida Chapter of AATSP and FFLA ARE NOT the same organizations!**

Have you paid your fees?

This year all teachers sending students will pay \$15 each

FEES by February 1st, 2023 to:

Amarilys Heard

1246 Preston Estates Cir

Vero Beach, FL 32960

Pre-registration:

If you plan to attend the 2023 Florida State Spanish Conference, please fill out the attached form and email to fsscsecretary@gmail.com by November 4th, 2022. Payment of **\$125.00 non-refundable** school registration fee, must be made through PayPal® or school check mailed to:

Linda Santiago

FSSC Secretary

6764 67th Way N Pinellas Park FL 33781

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT ONLY TO THOSE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE RETURNED THE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM BY THE DEADLINE.

THE SECOND MAILING WILL BE in December 2022.

If you have unanswered questions, please contact Linda Santiago at fsscsecretary@gmail.com or via **text only** (please no calls) at **727-906-2722**. Please include your name, number and a brief reason for your message. I will return your message or call you as soon as I can.

We look forward to your participation at #FSSC2023:

Sincerely,

Linda Santiago

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