



## *FSSC 2024*

### *Primera Circular*

September 2, 2023.

Osceola County School of the Arts and Celebration High School, the host schools for the **2024** Florida State Spanish Conference, invite your school to participate in this year's conference. The purpose of this conference is to bring together students who have demonstrated 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 2024 is *Español, más que una lengua, un tesoro*. We will be attaching a letter from the host schools explaining the cultural project with the next Circular.

#### Dates

**March 7-9, 2024**

#### Location

Wyndham Orlando Resort, 8001 International Drive, 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.**

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

## 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 website: [www.thefssc.org](http://www.thefssc.org)** under the **"HOW IT WORKS"** tab, find **TEMAS** page, **click on even 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 Speeches.

### Declamation

A **maximum of six** delegates may compete in an **oral presentation of a poem (1 min minimum for all students in levels 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 are permitted and encouraged. NO INSTRUMENTS OR SINGING OF THE DECLAMATION.*

### Dramatic presentation

Each school may enter one skit or short play, through which a 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 based on 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 (**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.

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 a complete schedule, rules, and regulations for all events, visit NEW & IMPROVED [www.thefssc.org](http://www.thefssc.org)

## **REMEMBER FOR 2024**

### **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 SCHOOL'S 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 \$139.00** plus tax (Bring a 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 the first 30 minutes of long-distance telephone calls (within the continental US) (\$3.00)
- >Unlimited local and toll-free telephone calls (\$2.00)
- >Weekday newspaper in the 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 FAATSP fees?**

**ALL teachers sending students will pay \$15 each regardless of their attendance to the Conference.**

**FEES by February 1st, 2024 to:**

**Amarilys Heard**

**2200 Solé Mia Square Ln. Apt. 512**

**North Miami, Florida 33181**

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**Visit our Web Site at [www.thefssc.org](http://www.thefssc.org)**

**Pre-registration**

If you plan to attend the 2024 Florida State Spanish Conference, please fill out the attached form and email it to [fsscsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fsscsecretary@gmail.com) by September XX, 2023. Payment of the **\$125.00 non-refundable** school registration fee, must be made through PayPal® or a school check mailed to:

**Linda Villadóniga  
631 Shores Blvd.  
St. Augustine, FL 32086**

**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 October 2023.**

If you have unanswered questions, please contact Linda Santiago at [fsscsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fsscsecretary@gmail.com) or via [text only](#) (please no calls) at [904-377-2252](tel:904-377-2252). 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 FSSC2024.

Sincerely,

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**FSSC Secretary**  
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