



Dear Foreign Language Festival Participants,

Southeastern Louisiana University and the Department of World Languages and Cultures would like to thank you for your hard work, dedication, and participation in our upcoming Foreign Language Festival. Below is some general information for the day of the festival:

Pre- competition

- Plan to arrive no later than 7:30 a.m as the competition will begin exactly at 8:00 a.m.
- The Student Union Annex parking lot will be reserved for all cars & vans. The SGA carwash lot on Oak Street (by the fire station) will be reserved for buses.
- Please instruct your bus driver that students are to be dropped off at the shuttle stop on the traffic circle on Union Avenue, right in front of the Students Union. After the award ceremony, students must be picked up there as well.
- Each vehicle and bus must display the parking tag provided by the festival coordinators.
- Southeastern Louisiana University nor the Foreign Language Festival coordinators are responsible for traffic accidents/delays, inclement weather, vehicle problems, missed belongings, or any other circumstances that prevent any student from participating in any competition.

***There will be police officers assisting the participants with drop off, parking, and pick up in the designated areas.

During the competition

- When you enter the student union our welcome staff will help you locate the rooms. Before proceeding to the rooms, the school coordinator needs to sign in at the welcome table.
- Students must be ready at the competition rooms at least ten (10) minutes prior to their scheduled time, and fifteen (15) minutes before music or play competitions.
- Students arriving after their scheduled time must wait until all other contestants of that category/level have completed their performances. Under no circumstances will late-arrivals be allowed to perform once the next category has begun, and scores for his/her category are completed.
- One solo or a group of a maximum of 5 participants for music (3 minutes max. time), and one group of a maximum of 15 participants and 2 substitutes for drama/play. (15 minutes max. time). Setting of props, recorders, and instruments is included in the timeframe. Students must provide their own props, recorders, and instruments.



- For the French and Spanish competitions (open to the public) the active area to accommodate the props and present the play is about 29x13 feet. Backgrounds can be taped to the class board.
- No student will be allowed to compete without the payment of fees. No payments will be accepted on the day of the festival.

Evaluation

- Students will be judged on pronunciation, articulation, expression, ease of delivery, and appropriateness of selection. In the case of a tie, memorization is also taken into account, as is live accompaniment for the music category.
- During the competition, students are not allowed to wear school uniforms, pins, backpacks, socks, hats, caps, id, or any other element with school identification or logo
- The judges are not allowed to ask the students the name of their schools
- The decision of the judges is final. No appeals will be accepted during or after the event
- Please remind the students to be quiet outside the rooms where they are to perform, as a courtesy to other contestants, and because there are offices and other events on that day.
- Students, teachers, and parents are permitted to sit **only** in the drama/play and dance competitions

Post competition

- The Student Union has a food court (first floor) and a buffet lunch (second floor) for purchase, with a variety of food and drinks available during the event, as well as for lunch. <https://www.southeastern.edu/admin/dining/index.html> -- click for campus dining locations and times.
- Plan to stay for the award ceremony at 1:30 p.m. If your school cannot attend, you will be able to see the list of winners posted on the web site.
- During the award ceremony, trophies will be awarded for 1st place. Certificates will be awarded to all 2nd and 3rd place winners.



INFORMATION

For questions related to all on-campus activities, please contact Dr. Rosi Hall [rosi.rosario.hall@selu.edu](mailto:rosario.hall@selu.edu)

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Find more information visit our website:

http://www.southeastern.edu/acad_research/depts/lang/foreign_lang_fest/index.html

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Schedule of events

7:30 a.m.

Doors open. School coordinators register at the table located in War Memorial Student Union

8:00 a.m.

Competition starts

8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Competition: French, Spanish, Latin (See final schedules for individual room/time)

1:30– 2:30 p.m.

Award Ceremony: Student Union Theater – Access through the open stairs (once you pass the bookstore)

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Dismissal

NOTE: School buses must pick up the students **only** at the shuttle stop on the traffic circle on Union Avenue, right in front of the Students Union.