



INVITACIÓN al CONCURSO ACADÉMICO DE INDIANA XXXVI

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“El español y el portugués en marcha”

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WHAT IS CONCURSO ACADÉMICO?

Concurso Académico a state Spanish contest for Indiana public and private middle and high schools, sponsored by the American Association of Teacher of Spanish and Portuguese-Indiana Chapter (AATSP-Indiana). During the contest day, students will compete in pre-selected events, earn state award ribbons for placement within the top 5 contestants, meet and socialize with other students of Spanish, and participate in various fun non-competitive activities.

DIVISIONS:

Middle School Division: Comprised of 6th, 7th, 8th grade middle school students. Students in this division will compete separately from high school students (except in the heritage recitation event and the 8th grade grammar exam). In order to compete in the Middle School division, students may NOT be enrolled in a course higher than Level I. Middle school students who are enrolled in Spanish II, III, or higher should compete in those high school categories.

High School Division: Comprised of 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students (and 7th/8th grade students competing in Spanish II, III, or Advanced)

- Level I – first-year language students
- Level II – second-year language students
- Level III – third-year language students
- Level IV-Advanced – fourth-year and above language students
- Heritage speakers
 - *The events available to Heritage Speakers are: “Piñata”, “Poster”, “Latin Dance”, “Heritage Speaker Grammar”, “Heritage Speaker Recitation”, “Heritage Speaker Impromptu Speaking”, “Heritage Speaker Spelling Bee”, and “Toro Trivia.”*

EVENTS:

Teachers should inform students of their competition events and times so that they are able to arrive to the appropriate locations on time. Judges will start events at the designated time, regardless of whether or not all students have arrived. Students who arrive late may be disqualified, at the discretion of the judge(s). Please note: events and performances are closed activities. Only the participants and judges may be present during judging.

If a student places in an event, he/she will receive his/her ribbon at the conclusion of the event. Scantron-based events will be scored in the scorer’s room and award winners’ names will be called out during the concluding ceremony. Students who hear their names called will go to the Awards Table at the back of the auditorium to collect their ribbons.

REGISTRATION:

Registration fees are \$30.00/school + a \$3.00 entrance per student participant/observer (for AATSP member-sponsors). Non-AATSP member-sponsors are charged the \$30.00/school registration fee + a \$15.00 non-member fee + \$3.00 per student participant/observer. AATSP members must list their AATSP number on the registration form.

In order to register for Concurso Académico, sponsoring teachers should:

1. download the registration form from <http://www.aatspindiana.org/concurso-academico.html>, complete it electronically, and print. The registration form is a fillable PDF.
2. mail the form and payment to Paul Coats, treasurer of AATSP-Indiana.

Paul Coats

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355 North Jordan Avenue

Bloomington, IN 47405-1105

1 (812) 855-6141

LUNCH/SNACKS:

Breakfast, snacks, drinks, and lunch items will be available for purchase if desired in the STAC Food Court. Please see the menu on the AATSP Indiana website for available items and prices. Credit and debit cards will be accepted.

Students and teachers who do not wish to purchase breakfast or lunch on-site are welcome to bring their own meals. All food should be consumed in the designated locations.

ACTIVITIES:

Teachers should encourage their students to visit the Wedge (located in the STAC Food Court) during their free time to play Spanish board games, listen to music, talk with students from other schools, do a craft/activity, or snap a few silly photos at the photo station. Schools with the most participation in these activities will be in the running for the Spirit Trophy at the Closing Ceremony.

SPIRIT COMPETITION:

In addition to being a competition to evaluate students' skills and proficiency, Concurso Académico is a day to celebrate Spanish learning around our state. To that end, there are three activities that are meant to build excitement and unity among the students of each school and the entire group. A Spirit Award trophy will be awarded at the Closing Ceremony to the school that through these three activities shows the most spirit and sportsmanship.

- **Most spirited cheer** - during the opening ceremony students will be asked to participate in a group cheer which each school yelling out a piece of a Spanish phrase. Judges will rank schools in order of spirit shown.
- **Neon fashion show** - students of all schools are encouraged to wear neon colors to the event. Before the opening ceremony, each school will select one student to represent them in a neon fashion show on the stage, while their school cheers them on. Judges will rank schools in order of spirit shown.
- **Meeting new people** - All students will be encouraged to talk to students of other schools to make new connections. Students will complete a short bio activity on another student and will hang the bio under their school name to make a collage of bios from the Concurso group. Judges will rank schools in order of number of bios completed (as compared to number of students from that school).
- Throughout the day, when judges notice moments of good sportsmanship and kindness, they will note that for this award.

REMINDERS:

Teachers should remind all students to stay within the designated areas for this contest. ZCHS is a large school and is hosting various other events during the day. Also, students should be reminded to respect the classroom spaces of the host teachers.

Additionally, all teachers, participants, and parents should keep in mind that every effort was made to make this competition as fun and as fair as possible. There will inevitably be differences in judgment and the interpretation of the students' performance. Please remember that all judges are VOLUNTEERS who work to the best of their ability under time limitations. We welcome your suggestions for improvement of Concurso Académico.