



2018 Chinese Bridge– Chinese Proficiency Competition for High School Students: 2018 Preliminary Contest in the State of Washington

**Organized by
Confucius Institute of the State of Washington (CIWA)**

Time: 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm, March 17, 2018

Venue: Chief Sealth International HS

In order to kindle the interest and passion of foreign youth in learning Chinese and in better understanding Chinese language and culture, Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) initiated the “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign High School Students in 2008. As of today, the competition has been held ten times, and has witnessed over 2,000 contestants representing more than 80 countries. Over 20,000 students have participated in the preliminary competitions in their own countries. The contents of the competition include Chinese language proficiency, knowledge bowl on China, Chinese cultural talents and comprehensive learning abilities. Students who win the preliminary rounds held in their countries will qualify to come to China for the finals. They will also get scholarships as awards to further their studies in China.

Chinese Bridge - Chinese Proficiency Competition for High School Students in WA

The Chinese Bridge - Chinese Proficiency Competition for high school students in Washington State is co-organized by the Confucius Institute of the state of Washington and the Center for Global Studies of the University of Washington. The contest adopts the same format and structure used by Hanban in the final competition, which includes a knowledge bowl on China (100 points), a 3-minute prepared speech (100 points), and a Chinese culture talent show (100 points). Contestants can choose to compete either in all three categories or individual categories. A database of questions on China and Chinese language will be provided by CIWA to help participating students prepare for the contest.

Part 1 – Knowledge Bowl on China: Contestants will have an on-site paper test about China and Chinese language. The points will be counted into the final result.

Part 2 – Prepared Speech: Contestants will be asked to make a 3-minute speech on the theme provided prior. 1-2 questions will be asked regarding the speech content. An invited panel of judges will evaluate each contestant's performance based on the speaker's Chinese language proficiency.

Part 3 – Chinese cultural talent show: Contestants are invited to demonstrate a Chinese culture skill: singing a Chinese song, performing a Chinese dance, doing paper-cutting or Chinese calligraphy, reciting Chinese poems, doing a martial arts performance, playing a Chinese music instrument, etc. The panel of judges will evaluate each contestant's performance.

Eligibility

Participants should be:

1. High school students in the state of WA
2. Born outside China
3. Speakers of Chinese as a second language

Registration

To register for the competition, interested students will need complete a registration form provided by the Confucius Institute Registration will begin from Jan 22 and close on Mar 11, 2018. Participants can choose to compete in all three categories or only one or two categories.

Panel of Judges

A panel of 3-5 judges will be formed to evaluate the performances of all contestants. All judges will be Chinese teachers or instructors from different k-12 schools in Washington State or the Chinese instructors from the Confucius Institute.

Awards

1. Participants with the first 3 highest overall scores and participants with the highest score for each of the 3 individual categories (prepared speech, knowledge bowl on China and Chinese culture talent show) will be recognized with trophies.
2. The first and second-place winners of attending the 3 categories of Washington State competition will be nominated by the Confucius Institute to participate in the Chinese Bridge Regional Competition for US Northwest held by Chinese Consulate General in San Francisco. Round trip tickets and accommodation will be provided.
3. The first place winner of the San Francisco regional competition will be nominated by the Chinese Consulate General to participate in the semi-finals held by the Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) in China. International travel to and from China, local transportation and accommodation in China will be provided during the competition.
4. The second place winner of the regional competition will be sponsored by the Chinese Consulate in San Francisco to participate in the Chinese Bridge summer camp in China. The international travel, local transportation and accommodation in China will be provided.

Note: 1. Please contact wewang@seattleschools.org for details.

2. More information about the competition can viewed at <http://bridge.chinese.cn/s10/>.

3. Please check http://bridge.chinese.cn/s10/102/102_2767_1.html for the **Part 1 – Knowledge Bowl on China**.