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TEXAS STATE GERMAN CONTESTS, INC

THREE REGIONS - ONE MISSION







Our mission is to promote German language and culture through engaging and friendly competition among Texas schools and students.



ARTS

club album
crafts
digital logo design (virtual only)
doll costume
gingerbread house
needlework
original models
photo essay (virtual only)
photography
poster design
shirt design

DECLAMATION

prose & poetry reading
(virtual only)

prose & poetry memory
in-person participation

DRAMA

duet acting
puppet show
skit
short film (virtual only)

MUSIC

classical ensemble
contemporary music
Einzeltanz
folk dance
polka band
vocal solo

ORAL TESTS

directed dialog
extemporaneous speaking
oral presentation (virtual only)
pair discussion

PASS AUF

Pass Auf is a quiz-show format competition between two teams made up of 5 players.

Each school may enter a varsity and a novice level team.

Competition is a tournament with a single-elimination or double-elimination bracket.

RESEARCH PAPER

Write a **research paper** in English on an interesting German-Texan cultural and/or historical topic. (virtual only)

2 entries per school
min. 700 max. 1000 words
must include works cited

Scholarships for the State Contest winners.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Scavenger Hunt has TWO parts to the event:

Follow written German directions to find four QR codes and watch four videos.

Individually complete a German-language written task based on the videos.

WRITTEN TESTS

(most are levels 1-4)
advantaged speaker test
culture
grammar
listening comprehension
reading comprehension
spelling
timed writing
vocabulary

Texas State Contest Host

Texas State University
San Marcos, TX

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Regional Contests Date
1st Saturday of February

State Contest Date
last Saturday of February

Winterfest	Sprachfest	Houstonfest
The Winterfest Region encompasses the entire northern part of Texas from the Red River in the north to the borders with Louisiana and New Mexico and as far south as Temple, Texas.	**The Sprachfest Region** encompasses Austin, San Antonio and the rest of Central and South Texas.	**The Houston Region** encompasses the greater Houston area and Southeast Texas.

Rules & Registration Information Available on the Regional Websites

www.ntrwinterfest.org	www.sprachfest.org	www.houstonfest.org

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General Information For German Contests

Registration is $15 and late registration is $20. This is **PER STUDENT**, not per event, so that students can compete in as many events as they can manage. Registration is for both virtual and in-person events. Registration is non-refundable.

Events are available for students in levels 1 through 5, and there is even an advantaged category for qualifying students (see the website for details). Students in grades 7-12 (7th graders must be part of a full-credit class) are welcome to compete with their German teacher's participation. All schools that register are expected to provide two volunteers to judge (virtual judging does count), and judges do not necessarily need to be German speakers.

Students who place in the top five in any qualifying event at a regional contest are qualified to move on to compete in the Texas State German contest at the end of February. All winners in places 1 through 10 will receive an award, and schools also compete for Sweepstakes points for large-program/small-program awards.

All entries in duet acting, puppet show, short film, skit, classical ensemble, contemporary music, Einzeltanz, folk dance, and polka band advance to State whether they compete at a regional contest or not, but should be registered at the regional level. Reach out to your regional director for questions.