**Competitions – In-person**

**BANNER** new in 2022

Limit: 1 entry per school

Create a banner made of butcher paper to hang from the railing of the second floor of the commons area.

The banner should contain German words or a German theme in addition to the school’s name.

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 55

 Design is eye-catching 20

 Contains German words or theme 20

 -proper spelling and mechanics

 Design clearly identifies the school 15

**DIRECTED DIALOGUE – Levels 1,2,3**

Limit: 4 entries per level per school

Verbally answer 5 conversational questions. (6th question may also be asked.)

Possible themes for German 1 (all in present tense)

 basic personal information family basic likes / dislikes

 free time basic foods Wie findest du…?

 school time weather

Possible themes for German 2 (conversational past included)

 German 1 themes (with more complex questions) clothing

 Was fr?, Wen?, Wem?, Warum? travel

Possible themes for German 3 (past, present, future)

 German 1 and 2 themes with more complex questions + future plans, health

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 100

 pronunciation 5 points per question

 degree of fluency 5 points per question

 knowledge of the topic (vocabulary) 5 points per question

 grammatical correctness 5 points per question

**DIRECTED DIALOGUE – Level 4**

Limit: 4 entries per school

Talk with the judges on a topic selected by the judges. (Time limit – 2 minutes)

After answering the judges’ first question, you continue the discussion by answering additional questions on that topic. You may also ask questions.

Sample topic ideas include:

Free time / Lifestyle / Travel

School / Future plans

Personal information / Family / Relationships

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 80

Pronunciation 10

Degree of fluency 25

apparent confidence with the language

degree of dependence on probing questions to keep the conversation going

Knowledge of topic (vocabulary) 25

Grammar and Structure 20

accuracy, level of difficulty of structures used

**KNOWLEDGE BOWL**

**4 competition levels:** Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4

**Team** 1-4 people - **all** in correct (or lower) level of study

 (ex. for Level 3– all in German 3 OR 3 from German 3 & 1 from German 2)

 Level 4 may include 4th and 5th year students

 May **not** also be on another Knowledge Bowl team

 **No** Fortgeschrittene

**Rules**

Two teams per round – Winning team moves to next round

Teams sit facing each other.

Each student has a buzzer.

The first student to buzz in has 10 seconds to begin the answer, without talking to others.

If the first team’s answer is not correct, one student from the other team may buzz in within 10

 seconds to answer.

A correct answer scores one point. No points are deducted for incorrect answers.

Each round is 15 questions. All answers are in German, except questions asking for a

 translation. Genders must be correct in levels 2 and above. Genders will not be counted

 in German 1, except when the question is asking the gender.

In case of a tie, a tie-breaker round will be completed.

**\***A pool of sample questions is available for on-line practice with your teacher

**SPELLING**

Two competition levels:

 Beginning Level 1 and 2 limit 6 students

 Advanced Level 3 and 4 limit 6 students

Students from same school are not allowed to sit or stand next to each other.

You are eliminated when you spell a word incorrectly.

Final 6 students must remain in the room until the all winners have been determined.

The word will be said twice. You may also ask the judge to use the word in a sentence.

You have 10 seconds to begin spelling the word. (You are not allowed to write the words.)

German alphabet must be used. For umlauts, say “a umlaut”, etc. You do not need to indicate

 capital letters. **Practice the German alphabet.**

**TORTE UND KUCHEN**

Individual or group entry – one of each of the four cakes per school

 Bienenstich, Apfelkuchen, Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte, Sachertorte

Choose one of the recipes provided to your teacher by the convention coordinator.

**Required**: (cakes without these required elements will not be judged)

--3 sentences in German about your cake-making experience, including school name and student

 name(s) on this page

--a picture of student(s) making the cake

**DISPOSABLE CONTAINER ONLY** (up to 10 pts. deducted if non-disposable container used)

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 100

 taste 40 3 sentences in German 20

 appearance/authenticity 30 picture of student(s) making cake 10

**Competitions – on-line submissions only**

**ARTWORK**

Limit: 4 per school (individual or group)

Your teacher will submit a **close-up** video showing all dimensions of the design. A **close-up** picture may be submitted for a one-dimensional design if preferred.

If attending convention in person, please bring your artwork for attendees to view.

Artwork from current school year only

Any topic related to German-speaking countries

Any size and form

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 100

originality/creativity/concept 30

represents a German theme 30

artistic technique (color, materials, presentation) 25

level of complexity (neatness, craft) 15

**MUSIC - INSTRUMENTAL**

Limit: One entry per school - Solo or group -Your teacher will submit an **unedited** video of your performance.

Selection must be from a composer from the German-speaking world.

Music does not have to be memorized.

**Begin the presentation by stating the name of the work and with a memorized introduction (2-3 lines) in German.**

Maximum time - 4 minutes for performance (Points deducted for going over the time limit.)

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 100

 precision (accuracy, flow) 20 selection (level of difficulty, suitability) 20

 tone (quality of sound) 10 interpretation (dynamics, style, feeling, …) 30

 German introduction 10

 general effect (appearance, poise, method of presentation, time limit) 10

**MUSIC - VOCAL**

Limit - One entry per school - Solo or group -Your teacher will submit an **unedited** video of your performance and a copy of the lyrics for your song.

Must be memorized and sung in German

With or without accompaniment (live or recorded).

Maximum time: 4 minutes (Points will be deducted for going over the time limit.)

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 100

 tone (quality, intonation) 30

interpretation (dynamics, style, …) 20

 pronunciation (understandable and authentic) 30

 general effect (maximum time of 4 minutes, spirit and interpretation) 20

**MUSIC VIDEO**

Limit: 2 entries per school

Your teacher will submit:

1. Video 2- copy of lyrics in German 3-copy of English translation

Must be a German language song - **Entry will be disqualified if it is not a German song.**

Must include the entire song on the video

Include **in the music video** itself:

 Song title School name

 Artist name Year video was made (must be current year)

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 70

 theme (Communicates the message of the song? Text provided.) 20

 organization (Flows well? Filming is good quality? Blocking of scenes well done?) 15

 creativity (Interesting and well-chosen backgrounds? Appropriate costuming?) 15

 editing quality (Well-edited? Shows different perspectives? Contains title, artist, school,

 year? 20

**POETRY VIDEO INTERPRETATION**

Two levels: Level 1/2 and Level 3+ (Fortgeschrittene may participate in this level)

Limit: 3 entries per school per level - Your teacher will submit your video AND a copy of the poem, including title and author (German author).

Make a video by recording your own voice reciting a poem by a German author and creating

 visuals on the video to represent the poem.

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 100

Recitation - Pronunciation (diction, enunciation, rhythm) 30

Interpretation (emotion, feeling, mood) 20

Video representation –

 Communicates the message of the poem (well-chosen backgrounds) 35

 Editing quality (well-edited, well-organized) 15

**Entry will be disqualified if it is not a German poem and if a copy of the poem is not provided.**

**POETRY WRITING AND RECITATION**

Beginning level = German 1 or 2 -limit of 4 per school

 Formats include but not limited to: Elfchen, Haiku, Acrostic

Advanced level = German 3, 4 or 5 -limit of 4 per school

 Any format – at least 12 lines in length

Your teacher will submit an **unedited** video of you reciting **by memory** a poem you have written and a copy of the poem.

You must submit a signed “Statement of Authenticity” **to your teacher** before your entry can be submitted. Your signed statement of authenticity states that you got no help from a speaker of German (teacher, family, student of a higher level), did not use a translation site, and used a dictionary only to look up individual words.

**Judges use the following criteria** Total points possible = 80

Recitation - Pronunciation (diction, enunciation, rhythm) 30

Interpretation / Presentation (emotion, feeling, mood, poise) 20

Written Poem 30

Originality (creative, original); Word choice (precise words, creates vivid images/emotions); Organization and grammar (spelling and grammar, effective rhythm and flow, topic is clear)

**POSTER**

Limit: 4 per school – Your teacher will submit a **close-up** picture of your poster.

If attending convention in person, please bring your poster for attendees to view.

**No** three-dimensional designs

**No** computer-generated posters

Must promote the German culture in some aspect. Possible themes include but are not limited to: -German heritage in the US -history of German / US relationship

 -German business/products/inventions -career opportunities US/Germany -German culture (customs, holidays, foods, …) -English is a Germanic language

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 100

 Content: 50

 Accuracy and depth of information

 Well-thought-out plan

 Original design

 Appearance: 35

 -Appealing to the eye, colorful design

 -Neatness, good use of space

 Mechanics: Proper grammar, mechanics and spelling 15

**SELFIE BACKDROP** new in 2022

Limit: 1 entry per school - Your teacher will submit a **close-up** picture of your backdrop.

If attending convention in person, please bring the backdrop for students to use during the day for taking selfies.

Create a backdrop on butcher paper to hang on the wall as a background for taking selfies.

It should represent the theme of the convention: Land der Süßigkeiten.

All Selfie Backdrop entries will be shown during the opening ceremony.

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 45

Design is eye-catching 15

Originality/creativity 15

Represents a German theme 15

**T-SHIRT**

Design should identify the school.

Your teacher will submit a close-up picture of the T-shirt.

 If attending convention in person, please bring a T-shirt for attendees to view

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 60

 Design is eye-catching 30

 Design represents a German Club theme 15

 Design represents the school 15

**VIDEO SKIT**

Limit: 2 entries per level - 3 different levels: German 1, German 2, German 3+

Your teacher will submit your video.

Written by students, teacher or German-speaking author

May be edited

Must be from current year.

**Lines must be memorized.**

-no props (books, papers, etc.) containing writing or scripts (points deducted for reading)

-signs with basic language may be used to enhance the skit

Time limit 3-5 minutes (points are deducted for going over or under time limit)

**Judges use the following criteria:** Total points possible = 100

 accurate vocabulary and grammar 20

 selection (interesting, sufficiently difficult) 15 preparation / memorization (no scripts, no obvious reading from props) 15

 blocking and movement (poised, good use of set) 10

 pronunciation (pronunciation, enunciation, audible, inflection) 20 overall effect (time limit of 3-5 minutes, lasting impression, set & maintain mood,

 costumes/set enhanced rather than detracted, pace) 20

**VIDEO WERBUNG**

one entry per school (individual or group) - any level of German study

Your teacher will submit one video per school

Video may include still shots and animation in addition to live taping

Length of video: 30 seconds to 1 minute

The video should promote German. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

 Deutsch macht Spaß! German in your school

 Warum Deutsch? (Business, travel, study, …) famous German Americans

 German heritage in Nebraska Language similarities and cognates

 cultural contributions to the U.S. by German immigrants

 German cultural contributions to the world in art, music, sports, etc.

The target audience is a non-German speaker. English, German or a combination of languages may be used in the video.

**All Video Werbung entries will be shown during the opening ceremony. Convention attendees will vote for the most effective video.**