

CULTURE BOWL

Culture bowl teams will be asked questions covering topics such as world geography, history, culture, and customs. The questions will NOT be language-specific, although general knowledge questions about language and languages may be asked. It is the responsibility of the language teachers at each school to select the students who will represent the school.

WHO MAY COMPETE: Foreign language students, native/heritage speakers, and speakers of cognate languages are welcome to participate in this event.

LIMITS: There is a maximum of one team per school. Teams may be composed of up to five members, although only three will compete in any one round.

NEW FORMAT!

Due to the large number of schools enrolling in the Culture Bowl, a new format was initiated in 2016, with a preliminary written round that will determine the 6 teams that will advance to the semi-finals.

The Culture Bowl will be held in the Ballroom on the 3rd floor. The preliminary round will take place at 9:30 a.m. Each school that has pre-registered for the event will select three team members to participate in the preliminary round. Students will be asked 50 questions, to which they will provide written answers. Students will have 20 minutes to complete the test. After 20 minutes, students will be asked to stop writing and turn in all test materials.

Students may not consult with anyone else about the answers, nor may they use any electronic device or written source. Phones must be on silent and out of sight. Team members from the same school may not sit next to each other. Any evidence of cheating will result in the disqualification of the team for the rest of the competition.

NEW PRIZE: The students with the top three scores in the preliminary round will be recognized at the awards ceremony as the winners of the “Culture Quiz.”

To determine the semi-final teams for the Culture Bowl, the top two scores from each team will be combined, and the teams with the top six combined scores will advance to the semifinals, to be held at 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The results of the preliminary round will be posted inside the Ballroom. Answer sheets will not be returned to students or teachers. In the event of a tie after the preliminary round, one question will be designated as tiebreaker, with the tie being broken in favor of the team performing best on that question.

The teams that place #1, 4, and 5 in the written round will be in semifinal one.
The teams that place #2, 3, and 6 will be in semifinal two.

The winners of the semifinal rounds will meet in the final to be held at 1:15 p.m.