

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH CONCOURS d'art oratoire



Canada's French Public Speaking Contest

WHAT IS THE CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE?

Canadian Parents for French's Concours d'art oratoire is Canada's largest annual French public speaking contest, involving close to 100,000 students every year across Canada, and offering tens of thousands of dollars worth of prizes.

CPF's aims of this contest are:

- To stimulate student interest in learning French;
- Improve student oral speaking skills;
- To give students experience speaking French in public.

The contest is held at four levels: classroom, school-based, provincial and national levels. The classroom and school-based contests are usually organized by interested teachers in the school (with some assistance by CPF-Québec if needed). The provincial and national events are organized by Canadian Parents for French. The CPF-Québec Concours d'art oratoire is open to Secondary students studying in Core French, Enriched, Enriched Plus, Immersion and Francophone classrooms. Contests across Canada vary as to grade level.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO YOU, THE TEACHER, OF HOLDING A CLASSROOM CONTEST?

For many teachers, it is an opportunity to meet curriculum outcomes through public speaking.

Some additional benefits include:

- Having the opportunity to foster a community of active French language learners;
- Being able to demonstrate the relevancy and applicability of French language instruction to the "real world";
- Ties to the curriculum outcomes.

Students also have many valuable lessons to learn by competing in this event. Participants are also rewarded for their efforts, regardless of the contest outcomes.

Additionally, students who participate in the CPF-Québec Concours d'art oratoire experience the following:

- The development and improvement of public speaking skills;
- The French culture;
- An increased vocabulary and greater understanding of the French language and its uses.

WHAT ARE THE OFFICIAL CATEGORIES?

Students compete within pre-determined categories:

Core French Enriched Enriched Plus Immersion Francophone

Please note that the appropriate category in which the student competes is not necessarily the program s/he is enrolled in, as previous French experiences (e.g., exchange programs, etc.) are taken into consideration.

It is critical to be consistent with the Category Criteria, as failure to do so may create contention at the provincial and national CPF Concours d'art oratoire and might compel students to withdraw at that level.

WHAT ARE THE OFFICIAL RULES?

We strongly encourage you to use the same rules that students will have to follow at the provincial and national championships. The rules at the provincial competition are strictly enforced.

To encourage participation at the classroom and school levels, students may be motivated and encouraged by the significant prizes available at the provincial Québec Concours d'art oratoire.

At the provincial contest, prizes include cash awards, trophies, merchandise and much more. Please note that prizes may vary. The first place winner from each category at provincials is awarded an all-expenses paid trip to Ottawa to compete at the national Concours d'art oratoire. At a national level, prizes include a \$20,000 scholarship to the University of Ottawa for first place winners from each category, \$5,000 to second place winners, and a \$2,000 scholarship to U of Ottawa is offered to each national participant.

Questions? Contact the CPF-Québec Coordinator at (450) 602-7060 or at ccraig@cpf.ca.



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