

FINAL REVIEW BY TFS BOARD:

Checked By: _____ Date: _____

BOARD ACTION: Experience (*does*) (*does not*) affect placement.

1. _____ Student must compete at level _____.
2. _____ Student is classified as a Native Speaker, and not eligible to compete in the Texas French Symposium.

TEXAS FRENCH SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of the student’s participation in the Texas French Symposium, it is understood and agreed as follows:

The purpose of the Texas French Symposium is to promote education in the French language and civilization through its annual state contest for non-native speakers of French in grades 9-12. Symposium membership is made up of Texas teachers of French who volunteer their time. Symposium activities are recognized, approved and encouraged by the Texas Education Agency, the governments of several francophone countries, and French departments of cooperating Texas universities. Both teacher members and student participants are governed by the Texas French Symposium Constitution and the General Rules for Student Participation. Various schools throughout the state of Texas volunteer to host the annual contest. Areas of competition include written examinations, oral, music, and art events, which take place over a period of two days. The Texas French Symposium presents awards to individual and school winners.

Top individual student winners in Symposium competition and teacher members are often recipients of scholarships enabling them to study in francophone countries. Entities independent of the Texas French Symposium (such as the French government, Air France, various student exchange groups, and private benefactors) donate prizes to reward and encourage the study of the French language and civilization. Because the Texas French Symposium relies upon the generosity of such benefactors, the number, type, and availability of such scholarships vary from year to year. In order to ensure that as many students and/or teachers as possible benefit from the intensive learning experience that a French-speaking environment provides, the Texas French Symposium has established the following rule: No student shall be allowed to win a scholarship to study in a francophone country more than once. The fact that a student does not accept a scholarship when it is offered does not alter this rule. Teacher members and student participants should be aware that all scholarships are subject to conditions, rules, and regulations imposed by the entities providing them.

The decisions of all judges and the results of all competitions, once awards have been announced, are final. Judges’ decisions will be interpreted to include all results on written tests, on oral events, on music and art competitions, on school sweepstakes, and on individual awards. Any questions concerning the rules and regulations for student participation should be directed to the student’s French teacher.

TO BE COMPLETED BY TEACHER:

I certify that I understand the General Rules for Student Participation contained in the TFS Constitution and that I agree to abide by them. After reviewing both sides of this Participation Agreement and reading the Texas French Symposium Constitution, I have placed this student in the appropriate level for this competition. I realize that failure to place student correctly will result in disqualification.

Printed name of Teacher	Signature of Teacher	date	Teacher’s e-mail address	Teacher home phone #
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TO BE COMPLETED BY TEACHER:

School _____ School # _____

Teacher _____
(please print)

STUDENT NAME: _____
(please print)

Teacher, circle appropriate level in each of the following:

A. Student is enrolled in French Level: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
If Student is not currently enrolled, circle the last level of French taken by student:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

B. Student will participate in TFS Level: 1 2 3 4 5-6 Exp

C. Student’s Educational Grade Level: 9 10 11 12

D. SCHOOL SCHEDULE: (circle one)
A/B Block Accelerated Block Modified Block Traditional
Other: (explain)

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT AND PARENT:

I have read both sides of this Participation Agreement, and declare that my child because of previous background and /or experience, ()DOES ()DOES NOT have an advantage in this contest. I hereby release the Texas French Symposium, its Board of Directors, the host school, administrators, advisors, and sponsors from any legal responsibility or liability to, from, or during this event. I understand that my child may be videotaped during the competition. I affirm that all information is accurate and factual to the best of my knowledge.

Printed name of Student Signature of Student date

Printed name of Parent Signature of Parent /Guardian date