

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH CONCOURS d'art oratoire



Canada's French Public Speaking Contest

Le Concours et festival d'art oratoire is the largest French public-speaking event in Ontario. It began in 1975 in the Ottawa-Carleton area and expanded to a provincial event when the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association (OMLTA) and Canadian Parents for French (CPF) joined forces in 1985. This event is an opportunity to integrate public speaking into regular classroom activity and to involve community members outside the classroom for judging and moderating for school-level events. At the classroom level, our estimates show that over 22,000 students across Ontario take part in French Second Language (FSL) public speaking.

Who can participate?

FESTIVAL: GRADES 4 – 8

Ontario students from Grades 4 to 8 who are enrolled in an FSL program during the current school year can participate. They will take part in a **non-competitive Festival** in the **morning** on **Saturday, May 6, 2017** at York University's **Glendon Campus** in Toronto.

CONCOURS: GRADES 9 - 12

Ontario students from Grades 9 to 12 who are enrolled in an FSL program during the current school year can participate. They will participate in a **competitive Concours** which is held in the **afternoon** on **Saturday, May 6, 2017** at York University's **Glendon Campus** in Toronto. Students must compete in the grade in which they are enrolled even if they are taking a higher level/grade French course.

Note: students in a program like the International Baccalaureate can still participate even if they are not in a French program in the current school year.

Fee

The **\$65** per student registration fee must be received by **April 3, 2017**. The fee is **\$100 per student** for registrations received between **April 4 and April 22**. Please note that the registration fee is non-refundable after April 22. **Please make cheques payable to Canadian Parents for French (Ontario).**

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Date and location

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at York University's Glendon Campus, 2275 Bayview Avenue in Toronto. Visit [Glendon Campus](#) for directions.

Format

FESTIVAL: GRADES 4 - 8

Students in Grades 4 through 8 participate in a **non-competitive festival** held in the **morning**. Each student will receive a gold medal, a certificate for their participation, and written feedback from their judge(s).

CONCOURS: GRADES 9 - 12

Students in Grades 9 through 12 participate in a **competitive concours event** which is held in the afternoon. **Semi-final** competitions may take place if a large number of students have entered which means that some students will have to present their speech twice during the event. Students **will not** be notified in advance if their competition will have semi-finals, but will be told when registering and **should therefore be prepared to speak twice**.

Winners from Grades 11 – 12 can go on to compete at the National Concours which takes place on Saturday, June 4, 2016. The 1st place winners of that event will each receive a four-year scholarship to the **University of Ottawa** (valued at \$32,000).

How can your School Board register?

1. Complete the online **School Board Registration** form by **November 17**. This form indicates your intention to participate and the estimated number of students you will be sending. **The actual number of participants is not required at this time**.
2. Students participate in 4 categories: **Core, Extended, Immersion and Francophone**. Each category is divided into four Grade groupings: **Grades 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12**.
3. **The maximum number of students permitted per Grade and Category is:**

1 STUDENT PER 50,000 STUDENTS in your school board.

Entire School Board Student Population (Elementary & secondary combined)	Number of eligible students per category
up to 50,000	1
50,001 – 100,000	2
100,001 – 150,000	3
over 150,000	4

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