FSSC 2027

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PRIMERA CIRCULAR

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The Executive Board of The Florida State Spanish Conference, invites your school to participate in this year's conference. The purpose of this conference is to bring together students who have demonstrated knowledge of the Spanish language and who have expressed an interest in competing in the following areas: impromptu speeches, declamation, and dramatic presentation. **The theme for 2027 is: "EL ESPAÑOL NOS UNE: 70 AÑOS HABLANDO DESDE EL CORAZON"**. The host schools are St. Petersburg HS, under the direction of Linda Santiago and Oak Leaf HS, under the direction of Yanitza Santiago-Colón.
You will receive a letter from the host schools explaining the cultural project within the week.

Dates
March 4-6, 2027

Location
Holiday Inn Resort Kissimmee by the Parks
3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, Florida, 34747

Eligibility
Set by Florida Statutes for Interscholastic Competition
Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or better for the grading period immediately preceding the competition, and they must have passed five of seven or five of six classes.

Divisions

There will be two divisions with equivalent trophies awarded for each division. * The maximum number of delegates representing any one school is **sixteen.**

Division I: 70% or more of total delegates must be in category A, with a maximum of 30% of total delegates in categories B, C, and D.

Division II: more than 30% of total delegates in categories B, C, and D

Competitions

There are three types of academic competitions:

Impromptu Speeches

Every student will give a two-minute discourse on a given topic. A list of sample **topics is available on the website:** www.thefssc.org under the **"HOW IT WORKS"** tab, find **TEMAS** page, **click on *odd years* button.** Each school may have up to sixteen delegates on the team; and ***all*** delegates must participate in Impromptu Speeches.

Declamation

A ***maximum of six*** delegates may compete in an **oral presentation of a poem** (**1 min minimum** for **all** students in levels 1A, 1B, and level 2A; **2 min. minimum** for levels 1C, 1D, and 2B through level 6. Declamations are **not to exceed 3 minutes**.) *Costume and movements of interpretation are permitted and encouraged. NO INSTRUMENTS OR SINGING OF THE DECLAMATION.*

Dramatic presentation

Each school may enter one skit or short play, through which a triple-point value will be obtained. **THE PLAY MUST BE OF SPANISH ORIGIN – A SPANISH AUTHOR – OR AN ADAPTATION OF ONE.**

Level of Spanish Proficiency

Students will compete according to the level of the class in which they are enrolled (Spanish I-VI). Students enrolled in an AP Spanish class should be listed according to the numerical level corresponding to their years of study of Spanish. There is no AP category, therefore ***AP Language*** is considered ***five years*** and ***AP Literature*** is considered ***six years***. Also, students will be classified according to their level of proficiency:

A. Students have ONLY learned Spanish in the classroom.

B. Students with limited outside experience at home or in a Spanish-speaking environment.

C. Students with extensive outside experience.

D. Students reared and educated in a Spanish-speaking environment.

Judging

Two judges will rate each delegate based on diction, interpretation, and overall performance.

Awards

Each participant will receive one of four assessments: **"Bueno", "Excelente", "Superior"** and **"Sobresaliente**".

In each of the school-size groupings defined by the Florida High School Activities Association **(7A, 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A)** an outstanding school will be named in each division based on total points accrued by its delegates.

To have a chance at a trophy; a school must enter **ALL** three areas of competition with the maximum number of competitors allowed in each category.

Individual students may choose to participate in the non-academic regional dress and/or entertainment (singing, dancing, musical instrument) competitions at the banquet for personal awards, but these scores will have no bearing on the outstanding school award. Each school may also enter one scrapbook, a poster, and a cultural project depicting the conference theme.

REMEMBER FOR 2027

Registration Fees

1- For each school participating**,** there will be a **$125.00** registration fee that helps defray the cost of the workers brought to run the conference. **THIS NON-REFUNDABLE FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THE SCHOOL'S PRE-REGISTRATION FORM OF INTENT TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. This fee is due and payable on October 1, 2026. FEES RECEIVED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2026, increase to $150 ($155 if paid using PayPal).**

2- Each student and teacher chaperone/sponsor attending pays a **$70.00** registration fee ($74.00 via PayPal) **THIS FEE IS DUE AND PAYABLE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2027. FEES RECEIVED AFTER FEBRUARY 1, WILL INCUR A LATE FEE of $10 per person - $80 p/p ($15 - $85 p/p) if using PayPal.)/**

3- If the chaperone is a NON-FACULTY MEMBER the fee is **$80.00** ($84.00 via PayPal). All registration fees include the use of the conference facilities, banquet, the dance Friday evening, and all trophies, ribbons, certificates, and judge's expenses. **THIS FEE IS DUE AND PAYABLE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2027. FEES RECEIVED AFTER FEBRUARY 1, WILL INCUR A LATE FEE of $10 //p ($90 p/p**)

If paying by check, make it out to FSSC2027 and send it to

FSSC2027
c/o Linda Villadoniga
631 Shores Blvd.
St. Augustine, FL 32086

PayPal account: The Florida State Spanish Competition, Inc.

Hotel

1- **Every school** in attendance **MUST STAY** at the **Holiday Inn Resort Kissimmee by the Parks**

3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, Florida, 34747 where the competition takes place.

2- **Resort Fee Benefit Waived**: The Resort Fee Charge of $30.00 is waived for the group.

3- The **cost per room** (up to 4 persons of the same sex) **per night will** be ***$129.00*** plus tax (Bring a copy of your Federal Tax-Exempt number).

The cost includes:

- 24-hour Self-Parking
- Daily scheduled round trip shuttle service to Disney Theme Parks, Universal Studios, Sea World, Lake Buena Vista Premium Outlets
- Free local and long-distance calls
- Unlimited In-Room High Speed Internet Access plus access in all public areas of the hotel
- Kids zone for children free play
- 2 bottles of water daily
- 10% discount to Starbucks (Beverage)

Sponsors

There must be **one school sponsor for the first ten students** and **one co-sponsor for the other six students**. The conference is promoted by the Florida Chapter of AATSP, therefore **EVERY** teacher **sending** his/her students to participate must **pay a Point Room FEE.** This fee helps defray the cost of the Points Room supplies and contributes to the number of Senior Essay Cash Awards available.
The **Florida Chapter of AATSP and FFLA ARE NOT the same organizations!**

Have you paid your FAATSP fees?
ALL teachers sending students will pay $15 each regardless of their attendance to the Conference.

POINT ROOM FEES are due and payable by February 15, 2027.

If paying by check, make it out to AATSP-FLORIDA CHAPTER and send to

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Pre-registration

If you plan to attend the 2026 Florida State Spanish Conference, please fill out the attached form and email it to fsscsecretary@gmail.com **by October 1, 2026 to avoid late fees.** Payment of the **$125.00 non-refundable** school registration fee must be made through PayPal® or a school check mailed to:

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PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT ONLY TO THOSE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE RETURNED THE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM BY THE DEADLINE.

THE SECOND MAILING WILL BE IN OCTOBER 2026.

If you have unanswered questions, please contact Linda Villadóniga at ***fsscsecretary@gmail.com*** or send me a **text only** **904-377-2252**. Please include your name, number, and a brief reason for your message. I will return your message or call you as soon as I can.

We look forward to your participation at FSSC 2026.

Sincerely,

Linda Villadóniga
FSSC Secretary
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