FSSC 2027
SEGUNDA CIRCULAR

October19, 2027.

Dear Spanish Teachers and Students,

Greetings from the Florida State Spanish Conference! Eastside High School and Oakleaf High School, the host schools for the **2027** Florida State Spanish Conference, invites your school to participate in this year's conference. In this newsletter, you will find all the necessary forms for our event. The theme for 2027 is ***"EL ESPAÑOL NOS UNE: 70 AÑOS HABLANDO DESDE EL CORAZÓN"***. We will be attaching a letter from the host school explaining the cultural project with the next *Circular*.

Dates

March 4-6, 2027

Location

Holiday Inn Resort
3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, Florida, 34747

Registration Fees

1. Each student and teacher chaperone/sponsor attending, pays a **$70.00** registration fee ($75.00 via PayPal)
2. If the chaperone is a NON-FACULTY MEMBER the fee is **$80.00** ($85.00 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.
3. After October 1st: Each school participating**,** there will be a **$125 (PayPal) or $130 (if by check)** 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.**

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 **NEW topics is available on the website: www.thefssc.org** under the **"HOW IT WORKS"** tab, find **TEMAS** page, **click on *odd years* button. Please note that the topics HAVE changed!** Each school may have up to sixteen delegates on the team; however, ***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.

Hotel

1- **Every school** in attendance **MUST STAY** at the HOLIDAY INN RESORT, 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34747, where the competition takes place. **Last day to reserve rooms: February 12, 2027**
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 • 2 bottles of water daily
- 10% discount to Starbucks (Beverage)

You may reserve your rooms directly using this link: Florida State Spanish or this QR code

Below is the QR code for your group booking

The rate is available until **February 12, 2027.** After this date, the remaining rooms will be at regular advertised rate. **Disregard anywhere it states "$30.00" for the resort fee when booking through link. It will be adjusted at the property upon arrival at the resort.** You may also call the hotel directly at 407396-1400 to book your reservations. Mention the Group code, **FSSC2027** when making reservations.

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 each 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?

FEES must be paid by February 20, 2027

ALL teachers sending students will pay $15 each regardless of their attendance to the Conference.

Pay $20 using PayPal (**AATSP Florida Chapter) or** send a check for $15 made out to AATSP-Florida Chapter and send to: **Linda Villadoniga, 631Shores Blvd., St. Augustine, FL 32086**

Pre-registration

If you plan to attend the 2027 Florida State Spanish Conference, it is not too late! Please fill out the attached form and email it to fsscsecretary@gmail.com **by NOVEMBER 10, 2026.** Payment of the **$135.00 non-refundable** school registration fee, made through PayPal® (https://www.floridastatespanishconference2027.com/-orderpayment?orderID=6ad4f5bf4cbe1) or **$130** if using a school check and mailed to:

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

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

THE THIRD MAILING WILL BE in JANUARY 2027.

If you have unanswered questions, please contact Linda Villadóniga at ***fsscsecretary@gmail.com*** or via **text only** (please no calls) at **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 2027.

Sincerely,

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