

TEXAS STATE

CONTEST DIRECTOR

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ARTS

club album
crafts
digital logo design (virtual only)
doll costume
gingerbread house
needlework
original models
photo essay (virtual only)
photography
poster design
shirt design

DECLAMATION

prose & poetry reading for
levels 1-4 as virtual events
(virtual only)

prose & poetry memory for levels
1-4 & Advantaged for in-person
participation

DRAMA

duet acting
puppet show
skit
video show (virtual only)

MUSIC

classical ensemble
contemporary music
Einzelanz
folk dance
polka band
vocal solo

ORAL TESTS

directed dialog
extemporaneous speaking
oral presentation (virtual only)
pair discussion
sight reading

PASS AUF

Pass Auf is a quiz-show format
competition between two teams
made up of 5 players.

Each school may enter a varsity
and a novice level team.

Competition is a tournament with
a single-elimination or double-
elimination bracket.

RESEARCH PAPER

Write a **research paper** in
English on an interesting
German-Texan cultural and/or
historical topic. (virtual only)

2 entries per school
min. 700 max. 1000 words
must include works cited

*Scholarships for the State
Contest winners.*

SCAVENGER HUNT

Scavenger Hunt has TWO parts
to the event:

Follow written German directions
to find four QR codes and watch
four videos.

Individually complete a German-
language written task based on
the videos.

WRITTEN TESTS

(most are levels 1-4)
advantaged speaker test
culture
grammar
listening comprehension
reading comprehension
spelling
timed writing
vocabulary



Winterfest

The Winterfest Region
encompasses the entire northern part of Texas from the Red River in the north to the borders with Louisiana and New Mexico and as far south as Temple. (expanded to include NM, LA, OK in 2026)

Sprachfest

The Sprachfest Region
encompasses Austin, San Antonio and the rest of Central and South Texas.

Houstonfest

The Houston Region
encompasses the greater Houston area and Southeast Texas.

Rules & Registration Information Available on the Regional Websites

www.ntrwinterfest.org

www.sprachfest.org

www.houstonfest.org

Regional Directors & Site Hosts for 2026

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General Information For German Contests

Early bird registration is \$15 and Regular registration is \$20. This is **PER STUDENT**, not per event, so that students can compete in as many events as they can manage. Registration is good for both virtual and in-person events. Registration is non-refundable.

There are events for all levels of students from 1 through 5, and even an advantaged category for qualifying students (refer to websites for details). Students from grades 7-12 (7th graders must be part of a full credit class) are welcome to compete with their German teacher's participation. All schools that register are expected to provide two volunteers to judge (virtual judging does count) and the judges do not necessarily need to be German speakers.

Students who place in the top five in any qualifying event at a regional contest are qualified to move on to compete in the Texas State German contest at the end of February. All winners in places 1 through 10 will receive an award and schools also compete for Sweepstakes points for large-program/small-program awards as well.

Some regions have additional events that are not state qualifying events. Please see your regional contest webpage for more information. Reach out to your regional director for questions.