

# TEXAS GERMAN CONTESTS

THREE REGIONS - ONE MISSION



Our mission is to promote German language and culture through engaging and friendly competition among Texas schools and students.

## 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

**TEXAS STATE  
CONTEST HOST  
1 MARCH 2025**

Texas State University  
San Marcos, TX

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*The regional contests all take place on the same day at the same time.*

**2025 Regional Contests Date  
8 February 2025**

## 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.

## 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](http://www.ntrwinterfest.org)

[www.sprachfest.org](http://www.sprachfest.org)

[www.houstonfest.org](http://www.houstonfest.org)

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## General Information For German Contests

Early bird registration is \$12 and Regular registration is \$15. 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 1-5, 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 2 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 on March 1st. All winners in places 1-10 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.