



What is this [National Competition](#)?

The National Spanish Exam is a motivational contest to **recognize** student achievements, to promote language proficiency, and to **stimulate** further interest in the teaching and learning of Spanish.

The NSE is committed to providing teachers with assessment tools and offering students opportunities to know their language skill ratings in vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, and listening comprehension.

### Our Purpose

- ◆ To recognize academic achievements
- ◆ To promote proficiency in interpretive communication
- ◆ To assess individual students in comparison to the national standards
- ◆ To stimulate further interest in the teaching and learning of Spanish & Portuguese

Many teachers state that they use our National Examinations to prepare students to take other standardized tests such as AP, IB, SAT II and college placement exams.

Many administrators state that they can use data from our National Examinations to create reports to show how their schools have improved over an academic year.

The NSE evaluates both content and performance standards through authentic texts:

1. Content Standards (Vocabulary & Grammar)
  - a. What a student should know in a content area at a particular level
2. Performance Standards (Reading & Listening)
  - a. What a student should be able to do at a particular proficiency level



## NSE

for Middle-High School

**Available Prizes Certificates Medals**

AATSP Members & Non-Members

NSE - The [National Spanish Exam](#) is an online, standardized assessment competition for Grades 6 -12, given voluntarily by about 4,000 middle and high school teachers throughout the United States, to measure performance (interpretive communication) and achievement of students who are studying Spanish as a second language.

## LEVELS

Students must be registered for the National Examination in the level which corresponds to the same course for which the student is receiving credit.

## CATEGORIES

Students with like-exposure compete with each other by registering in one of three competition categories:

1. Classroom Experience
2. Outside Experience
3. Bilingual

## SCORING & PRIZES

The National Spanish Exam is scored using National Percentiles.

There are several ways that NSE nationally [acknowledges](#) our students and teachers for making outstanding achievements:

- **Certificates • Medals • [NSE Shout-Outs](#)**
- [Scholarships for Students](#)
  - Senior Scholarships
  - Junior Study Abroad Scholarships
  - Global Citizen Scholarships
- [Teacher Awards](#)
  - Study Abroad Scholarships
  - Stipends to attend the Annual AATSP Conference

## COST

There are only two costs associated with proctoring the NSE's suite of exams, (1) per Teacher ( AATSP members do not have to pay the \$75 per teacher cost, as giving our Exams is a benefit of having an AATSP membership) and (2) per Student (competitions cost a national fee of \$5 during regular registration).

# 2023 Cycle National Spanish Exam

Exam Type	⇒	National Competition
Registration	⇒	Nov 1st – Feb 10th
Cost	⇒	\$5
Exam Time	⇒	Mar 6th – Apr 14th
Results	⇒	May 1st

## HOW TO REGISTER

If your student takes Spanish in school, the first step is to reach out to their Spanish Teacher. Send them this PDF and let them know that we have all of the information necessary on our website! If they need assistance, they can feel free to Contact Us with the details below.

This information is applicable for standard schools such as private schools, public schools, charter schools, virtual schools, etc.!

### [Homeschool Students](#)

Students that study Spanish and are homeschooled should proceed to the Individualized Plans tab on the NSE website. An application form must be submitted no later than December 15th, 2022.

Please be sure to go through all of the links in this document and to thoroughly explore the NSE website, almost every question can be answered this way! Additionally, please check out the [FAQ \(frequently asked questions\)](#) tab. If you need further guidance or assistance after reviewing this material, please feel free to contact us!

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