



Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year your child's school will be participating in the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, Georgia Chapter (AATSP GA) Spanish Composition Contest. The contest takes place in March and the cost of participation is \$8.00 per student. The contest will be administered by your child's Spanish teacher or their designated proctor at their local school.

This writing contest is designed to give students the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to respond to a given prompt on demand, in Spanish, without the aid of instructional or reference materials. By taking part, your child will gain valuable insight and increase their confidence in using Spanish for real world applications. They and their teacher will benefit from knowing how they measure up to similar students across our state. This is also the type of activity prospective colleges and universities like to see on student resumes!

In this contest, student competitors are judged against other students throughout Georgia with similar classroom and/or home experience in learning Spanish (1-4, IB and AP, and 1-4 and AP/IB Heritage Speaker) and their essays will be evaluated by panels composed of members of the AATSP GA Executive Board and the Composition Contest Committee. Each competitor will receive a virtual certificate rating their work and could potentially earn a first, second or third place prize for their level. The top three competitors for each category will receive a printed certificate from the contest director as well as a gift card.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our contest, and for supporting your student's efforts to become multilingual! We sincerely hope that you will consider allowing your child to participate in this year's contest and look forward to reading their essay soon!

Sincerely,

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