



## CCLE 2023 RECITATION CONTEST

Open to students ages 3 to 18 years old who attend a CCLE accredited school or whose parent is a CCLE member  
Deadline for submission: March 15, 2023

ENGLISH RECITATION CONTEST <sup>1</sup>		
ENGLISH DIVISION	AGE IN YEARS/AGE RANGE <sup>2</sup>	PERFORMANCE LENGTH (TIME)
PRE-SCHOOL	3-4	45 seconds to 2 minutes
EARLY GRAMMAR	5-7	2 to 4 minutes
GRAMMAR	8-11	3 to 5 minutes
DIALECTIC	12-14	4 to 6 minutes
RHETORIC	15-18	5 to 8 minutes
LATIN RECITATION CONTEST <sup>1</sup>		
LATIN DIVISION	AGE IN YEARS/AGE RANGE <sup>2</sup>	PERFORMANCE LENGTH (TIME)
GRAMMAR	8-11	3 to 5 minutes
DIALECTIC	12-14	4 to 6 minutes
RHETORIC	15-18	5 to 8 minutes

### ENGLISH DIVISION MEMORY FOCUS

Pre-School: Prayer or Hymn Recitation

Early Grammar: Hymn, Catechetical or Creed Recitation

Grammar: Catechetical or Scripture Recitation

Dialectic: Classical or Christian Poetry Recitation (selected from work by William Shakespeare, John Milton, or George Herbert)

Rhetoric: Speech or Sermon Recitation (selected from work by Martin Luther, Johann Gerhard, or CFW Walther)

### LATIN DIVISION MEMORY FOCUS

Grammar: *Te Deum*, *Ordinary of the Mass*, or section from Luther's *Small Catechism*

Dialectic: selection from Virgil's *Aeneid*

Rhetoric: selection from Caesar's *Gallic Wars* or Cicero's *Catiline Orations*

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The CCLE 2023 Recitation Contest has two divisions: English and Latin. Students may compete in either English or Latin, but not both. Students have the option of competing in their own age division or a higher division but must meet the minimum time performance and memory focus for the level in which they compete. This must be indicated on the performance information page.

<sup>1</sup> For greater challenge any student may compete in a category higher than his chronological age, but no student may compete in a category lower than his chronological age.

<sup>2</sup> Students with *professional* written documentation of clinically diagnosed special needs may enter contests at a level lower than chronological age, *subject to prior approval* by CCLE. Contact the Executive Director at [executive.director@ccle.org](mailto:executive.director@ccle.org) for this opportunity.

For the Latin Recitation Contest, CCLE is providing a document to assist students and teachers in selecting a Latin recitation: Resources for Latin Recitation Contest CCLE 2023.

Students memorize and recite work for recording. After the performance is recorded, the teacher or parent sends the file to [webmaster@ccle.org](mailto:webmaster@ccle.org) to upload the performance. Receipt of uploaded videos will be acknowledged; do not delete video recordings until after May 31, 2023.

#### EVALUATION CRITERIA: SEE SCALES

- recording displays eye contact with audience
- recording portrays from waist up (focused on face)
- confident, non-hesitant recitation from memory
- clarity of voice, enunciation, and pronunciation
- standing posture and appropriate movement to convey emphasis or emotion
- appropriate intonation and rhythm (Latin should be read in meter.)
- appropriate volume of voice in recording
- division-appropriate length of selection (submissions which exceed or fall short of designated time parameters or otherwise fail to follow submission instructions will be disqualified)
- appearance (professional or dress attire or costume reflecting the selection)

#### CONSIDERATIONS/DIRECTIONS

1. When reciting a performance, the student is declaring that he has memorized the passage and is not reading nor benefitting from external prompting in any way. The student's age is the age when he records the memorization.
2. When the recording begins, each student will introduce his name, his age, and the selection. The introduction should take no more than 10 seconds.
3. Only one recitation may be submitted per student. Students may compete in only one recitation division (English or Latin). Material for the recitation contest cannot be submitted for other CCLE contests.

#### PROCESS

1. The school or classroom/home school teacher shares the 2023 Recitation Contest directions with students. If there are any questions about the directions, please contact [executive.director@ccle.org](mailto:executive.director@ccle.org).
2. Each performance must be listed on a performance information page (see page 3). This performance information page must be emailed to [webmaster@ccle.org](mailto:webmaster@ccle.org) and [executive.director@ccle.org](mailto:executive.director@ccle.org).

3. The school or the classroom/home school teacher records and uploads the video(s). Please note the directions for uploading and submitting the recorded video. You will need (or may need to create) a gmail account to have access to Google Drive.
  - a. Record your student's performance.
  - b. Name the file of the student performance in this order:  
Contest, language, division, age, last name, first name, school name  
Recitation, English, early grammar, 7, Melanchthon, Phillip, St Matthew Lutheran  
Recitation, Latin, 9, Caesar, Julius, Coliseum Academy
  - c. Create a new folder in Google Drive.
  - d. Drag performance file into Google folder.
  - e. Right-click your folder in Google Drive and select "Get sharable link."  
This is an example:  
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1dSFcUIS8SNmr6l4UPw0n8IFe4RzBD6xo>
  - f. Please share the link with [executive.director@cclle.org](mailto:executive.director@cclle.org).
4. The Performance Information Page AND recitation recording(s) must be uploaded electronically by midnight of the contest deadline, March 15, 2023. Receipt of uploaded videos will be acknowledged; please do not delete videos from storage until after May 31, 2023.
5. CCLE Recitation Judge 1 (RJ1) views and scores the performances (keeps a list of the scores), CCLE Recitation Judge 2 (RJ2) and CCLE Recitation Judge 3 (RJ3) also view and submit scores to RJ1.
6. The Recitation Judges will evaluate all submissions using the CCLE Recitation Scoring Scale.
7. All winning performances may be viewed in CCLE meetings with performer attribution.

#### PRIZES

When all three RJ have completed the scoring, the winners will be identified. If there is a tie, the RJ will have an electronic discussion to determine winners. Winners will be announced by May 1, 2023.

#### PRE-SCHOOL, EARLY GRAMMAR, & GRAMMAR DIVISIONS:

GRAND PRIZE: \$100 for the student, \$50 for the teacher  
RUNNER-UP: \$50 for the student, \$50 for the teacher

#### DIALECTIC & RHETORIC DIVISIONS:

GRAND PRIZE: \$200 for the student, \$50 for the teacher  
RUNNER-UP: \$200 for the student, \$50 for the teacher

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION PAGE

Submit to: webmaster@ccl.org

Teacher or School: Please print clearly the student and teacher/parent names (complete names: first and last). Then complete the video file name at the time of recording.

School name:/Homeschool family:

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Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Parent email address:

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Mailing address:

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Please follow this naming procedure:

Contest, language, division, age, last name, first name, school name

*Recitation, English, early grammar, 7, Melanchthon, Phillip, Hope Lutheran*

*Recitation, Latin, grammar, 9, Caesar, Julius, Coliseum Academy*

Video File Name