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# *Le Grand Concours*

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## What is *Le Grand Concours*?

**L**e Grand Concours is a French event, in the form of a 60 minute national test, designed, written, financed, and disseminated by the members of the American Association of Teachers of French. Its purpose is to help stimulate further interest in the teaching and learning of French and to help identify and reward achievement on the part of both students and teachers. There are seven levels (elementary school-high school) and five divisions to accommodate most students.

**P**rizés are awarded in two categories: Chapter and National. Chapters offer prizes to those students who are among the top scorers at the Chapter level for each level and division. National prizes are subsidized out of the fees paid by each entrant. Prizes include certificates, videos, medals, books, etc. Students at every level, FLES - Level 5, who place in the top ranks are National winners.

## Who may participate?

**A**ll students of French, from elementary through senior high school, are eligible. In addition, students studying French on overseas campuses, with a private tutor exclusive of any formal classroom instruction in French, and even homeschoolers are all eligible for awards.

**In 2011, 99,005 students entered *Le Grand Concours***

**T**he AATF recommends that teachers enter all of their students. The purpose goes far beyond "winning" or receiving national recognition. It provides a solid class activity; and provides a national "guide" to help teachers determine how their students perform, item by item, based upon communication skills and cultural topics. By the way, individual student scores are never published by the National Office.

## How to Enter

**T**eachers enter students via their local Chapter Contest Administrator. A complete listing appears on our website, in our newsletter *Le Grand Concours* and in the *French Review*.

**T**o review for Le Grand Concours, refer to the Contest Specifications and previous examinations. These will help both teachers and students prepare for the coming event. The specifications and an order form for review materials are available the Contest Website:  
[www.frenchteachers.org/concours](http://www.frenchteachers.org/concours)

### **2012 Administration Dates**

FLES (grades 1-6): Feb. 15-28  
Levels 01-5 (grades 7-12): March 1-28

