

General Information

The iSpeak Contest is jointly run by Inlingua School of Languages and Singapore International Math Contests Centre supported by International Scholastic Trust Limited. Inlingua School of Languages is part of a network of language schools with over 300 centres in over 30 countries. Singapore International Math Contests Centre is a major organiser of STEAM competitions globally. The International Scholastic Trust Limited, originally known as the Singapore Scholastic Trust, is the umbrella non-profit foundation that supports many contests for students such as the Singapore International Math Olympiad Challenge and the Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad.

The purpose of the iSpeak Contest is to help train students, who will be the leaders of tomorrow, to speak English better and with greater confidence. In the process, students will improve in their creative thinking and presentation skills and be better equipped to transition into the global workplace.

Contest Format

The Contest is open to candidates 8 to 16 years of age.

The contest starts at the local level with a videoed speech and progresses into the global level with live speeches. A summary of the format is given below :

Dates	Contest (Format)	Format	Categories
25 March 2019 to 18 April 2019, 5 pm SG time	Local iSpeak	2-minute videoed speech	Junior Category (9 to 12 years old)
			Senior Category (13 to 16 years old)
6 July 2019	Global iSpeak (only for gold & silver medallists)	2-minute live speech + live group speech	Junior Category (9 to 12 years old)
			Senior Category (13 to 16 years old)

Local iSpeak Contest

Key Dates

Event	Date
Online registration opens	25 March 2019
Online registration closes	18 April 2019
Local iSpeak results announcement	6 May 2019
Expression of interest for Global iSpeak	7 May 2019
Medals and certificates for Local iSpeak sent out	11 May 2019
Medals and certificates for Local iSpeak collected by candidates	30 June 2019

Registration for Local Contest

- Registration fee is SGD 45 per candidate, to be paid using Flywire*. You will be guided to Flywire during registration
- Candidates must register in English at the contest website between **25 March 2019 to 18 April 2019, 5 pm Singapore time**
- Duplicate registrations for the same candidate will result in disqualification
- Registration will involve video submission and payment
- Videos date/time-stamped after the registration deadline will be disqualified
- The Organiser has the right to extend or reduce the registration period and this will be announced in the contest website

*Flywire is a payment gateway which allows you to securely make payment from overseas, often in your local currency, using various home country payment options such as bank transfer, credit card, e-payments, e-wallets, etc - all with no additional fees.

Depending on the response size, the Organiser reserves the right to trim the number of candidates using all or some of the below principles :

- First-come-first-serve
- Maximizing participation from as many schools as possible
- Maximizing participation from as many countries as possible
- Ensuring sufficient number of candidates in each category
- Maximum of 2,200 candidates for judging

Video-Recording Requirements

Before registration for the Local iSpeak Contest, candidates should have already recorded a 2-minute video on the 2019 topic for the Local iSpeak Contest : ‘Why my school is the best’.

Videos should meet the following requirements or be disqualified :

- Videos must be in MP4, WMV, WEBM, FLV or AVI formats
- Length of video to be between 1 to 2 minutes long
- Videos uploaded before the Local iSpeak registration deadline to either Youtube or Tudou video sharing sites only, with published dates easily found
- Videos uploaded must remain available for viewing to viewers outside candidate’s country up to 6 months following Local iSpeak registration deadline
- Every candidate should precede their recording with the following introduction : ‘My name is <<student’s name>> and I am <<student’s age>> years old this year. I am from <<student’s country>> and am currently studying in the <<student’s school name>>. My topic for today is ‘Why my school is the best’

- Videos should have clear audio with minimal echo, static or other excessive noise
- Recordings should include the entire upper body (waist up) to show speech and facial expressions/hand gestures of the candidates
- Video images should be stable, not jerky
- Videos are recorded using single-camera setup
- Videos should not have added text, graphics, images, special effects etc
- Videos should be preferably named as <<country code>>-<<student's name>>. Some country codes are given below for ease of reference. You can also refer to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-2.

Country	Code
Cambodia	KH
China	CN
India	IN
Indonesia	ID
Japan	JP
Korea	KR
Laos	LA
Malaysia	MY
Myanmar	MM
Philippines	PH
Singapore	SG
Thailand	TH
Uzbekistan	UZ

Results Announcement for Local Contest

Results for the contest will be announced in the contest website (under Announcements-Local iSpeak Results) on **Monday 6 May 2019**.

Winners can collect their awards from the School Partners or Country Partners (for candidates not from partner schools) about 2 to 3 weeks following the results announcement Awards that are unclaimed for 1 month after the results announcement will be forfeited.

The following awards will be given out for the Local iSpeak Contest based on the qualified entries received per country:

Local iSpeak Contest	Junior Category	Senior Category
First 8%	Gold medals + certificate	Gold medals + certificate
Next 12%	Silver medals + certificate	Silver medals + certificate
Next 20%	Bronze medals + certificate	Bronze medals + certificate
The rest	Certificates of participation	Certificates of participation

Note : The Organiser reserves the right to change the award matrix depending on participation size.

Global iSpeak Contest

Key Dates

Event	Date
Registration (by Country Partners) of candidates for Global iSpeak	20 May 2019
Confirm & pay for travel packages for candidates, teachers, etc	27 May 2019
Global iSpeak contest	6 July 2019

Registration for Global Contest

- Eligible only to gold or silver medallists from the Local iSpeak Contest of the same year
- Limited to 12 candidates (6 in Junior category, 6 in Senior category) per country
- Interested candidates should register their interest with their School/Country Partners first to await final selection by the latter (using their own criteria and independent of the Organiser) for the Global iSpeak Contest
- Registration fee is SGD 110 per candidate
- Candidates participate in Singapore at their own cost
- Country Coordinator must register candidates for Global iSpeak by **20 May 2019, 5 pm Singapore time**

Requirements for Live Speeches

- Every candidate is expected to give an individual and a group speech
- The top 3 candidates for the individual speech for each category will have to repeat their individual speeches again at the end of the day as part of the selection for the top prizes.
- Individual and Group speeches must be done from the designated platform/area without any props and sound effects
- Candidates can use notes to remind themselves of what to say.
- Individual speeches should be between 1 to 2 minutes long. Speeches of length less than 1 minute or greater than 2.5 minutes will be disqualified. The candidate will be told to stop speaking at the 2.5-minute mark.
- Group speeches should cumulatively be between 3 to 6 minutes. Group speeches of cumulatively less than 3 minutes will result in group disqualification. The group will be told to stop speaking at the 6.5-minute mark.
 - The Organiser will pre-assign candidates into teams of 2 - 3 persons to participate in the group speech
 - No swapping of group members is allowed
 - The group can decide on sequence and length of speech for its members
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- The Organiser will give appropriate reminders at different times so candidates are aware of how much time they have left to speak
 - Individual Speech - A reminder will be given at the 1-minute, 1.5 minute and 2-minute marks
 - Group Speech - A reminder will be given at the 3-minute and 5.5-minute and 6-minute marks.
- Note that the Organiser will be, as far as possible, mixed in a way to maximise diversity ie
 - Group candidates that are English native speakers to be well spread out; and/or
 - Group candidates to be from different countries; and/or
 - Group candidates to be from different schools; and/or
 - The group to be represented by a range of ages within the category.

Results Announcement for Global Contest

The results for both Individual and Group speeches will be announced during the Award Ceremony which will be held at the end of the day. Results will also be posted subsequently in the contest website (under Announcements-Global iSpeak Results). Recipients of cash awards for the Global iSpeak Contest will be required to acknowledge receipt of award.

Candidates should try to collect the award in person during the ceremony, failing which the School/Country Coordinator can collect on his/her behalf.

The Organiser will not be responsible for awards not collected by winners in person; it is the responsibility of the winners to pick up their awards from the School/Country Coordinator within 1 month after the award ceremony lest they be forfeited.

The following awards will be given out for the Global iSpeak Contest for each of the Junior/Senior categories :

Global iSpeak Awards	Individual Speech	
1 st Prize	SGD 600	SGD 600
2 nd Prize	SGD 300	SGD 300
3 rd Prize	SGD 150	SGD 150
Top 10%	Gold medals + certificate	Gold medals + certificate
Next 20%	Silver medals + certificate	Silver medals + certificate
Next 30%	Bronze medals + certificate	Bronze medals + certificate
Next 20%	Honorary Mention certificate	Honorary Mention certificate
	Group Speech	
Top 3 Group Prizes	Gold medals + certificate	Gold medals + certificate
Next 3 Group Prizes	Silver medals + certificate	Silver medals + certificate
Next 4 Group Prizes	Bronze medals + certificate	Bronze medals + certificate

Note : The Organiser reserves the right to change the award matrix depending on participation size. Candidates who have not won either Global iSpeak Individual or Group medals/honorary mentions will get certificates of participation.

Judging Criteria for Global iSpeak Group Speech

TEAMWORK	
Contribution	
5 Outstanding	Equal contribution from each member and with each member's strengths best applied
4 Good	Equal contribution from each member or each member's strengths was best applied
3 Average	Mostly equal contribution from each member
2 Developing	Somewhat equal contribution from each member
1 Starter	Not that equal contribution from each member
Interaction	
5 Outstanding	Perfectly appropriate interplay during group speech
4 Good	Good interplay during group speech
3 Average	Adequate interplay during group speech
2 Developing	Minimal interplay during group speech
1 Starter	No interplay during group speech
CONTENT	
Relevance	
5 Outstanding	The entire content was appropriate and relevant to the topic
4 Good	Almost all the content was appropriate and relevant to the topic
3 Average	The content was mostly appropriate and relevant to the topic
2 Developing	The content was appropriate and relevant to the topic at times
1 Starter	The content was not appropriate and relevant to the topic
Persuasiveness	
5 Outstanding	The content was maximally persuasive
4 Good	The content was very persuasive
3 Average	The content was persuasive
2 Developing	The content was somewhat persuasive
1 Starter	The content was not that persuasive

Judging Criteria for Local iSpeak video and Global iSpeak Individual Speech

CLARITY	
Pronunciation	
5 Outstanding	All individual sounds are produced accurately and distinctly with perfect articulation
4 Good	Almost all individual sounds are produced accurately and distinctly with perfect articulation
3 Average	Most individual sounds are produced accurately and distinctly with perfect articulation
2 Developing	Some individual sounds are produced accurately and distinctly with perfect articulation
1 Starter	Few individual sounds are produced accurately and distinctly with perfect articulation
Language Skill	
5 Outstanding	All grammatical structures are complex and accurately used, and vocabulary is of the highest level
4 Good	Almost all grammatical structures are complex and accurately used, and/or vocabulary used is of high level
3 Average	Most grammatical structures are complex and accurately used, and/or vocabulary used is good
2 Developing	Some grammatical structures are complex and accurately used, and/or vocabulary used is of satisfactory level
1 Starter	Few grammatical structures are complex and accurately used, and/or vocabulary was limited
ENGAGEMENT	
Vocal Variety	
5 Outstanding	Voice has maximally engaging volume and intonation
4 Good	Voice has above average engaging volume and intonation
3 Average	Voice has average engaging volume and intonation
2 Developing	Voice has below average engaging volume and intonation
1 Starter	Voice has weak volume and intonation
Body Language	
5 Outstanding	Maximally engaging gestures, eye contact, posture and mobility
4 Good	Very engaging gestures, eye contact, posture and mobility
3 Average	Engaging gestures, eye contact, posture and mobility
2 Developing	Somewhat engaging gestures, eye contact, posture and mobility
1 Starter	Little engaging gestures, eye contact, posture and mobility
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Relevance	
5 Outstanding	The entire content was appropriate and relevant to the topic
4 Good	Almost all the content was appropriate and relevant to the topic
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General Terms of Participation

Candidates and parents/guardians, upon registering for the contest, agree to the terms and conditions of the contest which are given below.

Personal Data : All personal data collected by the Organiser in connection with the Contest will be processed by the Organiser within and outside Singapore as part of qualifying candidates or for marketing purposes and subject to inlingua's Privacy Policy (<http://www.inlingua.edu.sg/student-info/policies-and-regulations/privacy-policy>). Note that the Organiser may share candidates' personal data with its Partner Schools, School Partners, Country Partners etc (collectively known as 'Agents') both within and outside Singapore.

The Organiser and its Agents reserve the right to request proof of identity and stated address (to the satisfaction of the Organiser and/or Agents) before issuing any prize for either the Local Contest or the Global Contest.

Intellectual Property : By registering for the Contest, candidates understand that the Organiser and/or its Agents can use a candidate's name, portrait, picture, image, speech or other information in any media type for marketing and/or publicity purposes.

Limitation of Liability : The candidates and their parents/guardians agree not to hold the Organiser and/or its appointed staff/agents liable for any illness, injury, death, loss, litigation, claim, expense, tax due or damage sustained directly or indirectly, from :

- a) Candidates' involvement in the contest and/or the receipt and use of the award or any portion of it; and/or
- b) Any incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information communicated in connection with this Contest; and/or
- c) Candidates' failure to receive the award notification email for whatever reasons; and/or
- d) Any kind of technical malfunction or failures of any hardware of software such as internet or telephone services, computers, cables, networks, etc; and/or
- e) Human or electronic errors made in the administration of the contest or the processing of entries.

Modifications of Terms : The Organiser reserves the right to modify the Terms of Participation and/or Contest Rules or to cancel the Contest without giving reasons. Such changes will be announced through emails from the Organisers via the Country and School Partners.

Induction into Honours Society

Candidates who have won 2 or more significant awards - either Gold medal at Local iSpeak or Gold or Silver medal at Global iSpeak - can be eligible for the :

- a) International Junior Honor Society (IJHS); and/or
- b) Young achievers Leadership Academy (YALA) scholarships.

For more details, please view <http://scholastictrust.org/ijhs/>

Tentative Timetable for Global iSpeak Contest in Singapore

No	Activity	From	To
1	Registration - attendance, name tags, groupings	8:30 AM	9:00 AM
2	Welcome briefing	9:00 AM	9:30 AM
3	Individual speech topic release (for Senior category only) & preparation	9:45 AM	10:15 AM
4	Individual Speech Contest	10:15 AM	12:15 PM
5	Lunch Break	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
6	Group speech topic release & preparation	1:15 PM	2:15 PM
7	Group Speech Contest, followed by top 3 individual speech winners announcement	2:15 PM	4:00 PM
8	Tea break	4:00 PM	4:30 PM
9	Repeat Individual Speeches for top 3 winners for final judging	4:30 PM	5:00 PM
10	Award ceremony for medallists, honorary mentions only	5:15 PM	7:15 PM

Note: The organiser reserves the right to amend the programme as circumstances dictate.