



Le Concours-d'art oratoire is the largest French public-speaking event in Ontario. It began in 1975 in the Ottawa-Carleton area and expanded to a provincial event when the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association (OMLTA) and Canadian Parents for French (CPF) joined forces in 1985. This event is an opportunity to integrate public speaking into regular classroom activity and to involve community members outside the classroom for judging and moderating for school-level events.

A - Who can participate?

CONCOURS: GRADES 9 - 12

Students from grades 9 to 12 who are enrolled in a French Second Language (FSL) program during the current school year in an English school board or an independent school in Ontario can participate.

They will participate in a **competitive** *Concours*, which is held on **Saturday, May 3rd, 2025**, at **York University's Glendon Campus** in Toronto. Students must compete in the grade in which they are enrolled, even if they are taking a higher level/grade French course.

Note: Students in a program like the International Baccalaureate can still participate even if they are not in a French program in the current school year.

B - Fee

The **registration fee is \$75** per student. Please provide an email address to send the invoice to, which must be paid in full by **April 29th, 2025**, via Electronic Funds Transfer or cheque, or directly with a credit card via Stripe payment through [School Board Concours d'art oratoire 2025 Finalists registration form](#).

If paying by Cheque, or E Bank transfer, you will receive an invoice upon providing the list of finalists from your school board. Please make cheques payable to Canadian Parents for French (Ontario).

C - Date and location

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, at York University's Glendon Campus, 2275 Bayview Avenue, Toronto. Visit [Glendon Campus](#) for directions.

D - REGISTRATION DEADLINES

1. School Board registration: **November 22nd, 2024**
2. List of finalists from School Board: **April 1st, 2025**
3. Parent registration for student participants: **April 4th, 2025**

E - Format

CONCOURS: GRADES 9 - 12

Students in Grades 9 through 12 participate in a **competitive *concours* event**. **Semi-final** competitions may take place if many students have entered; therefore, some students may have to present their same speech twice during the event. Students **will not** be notified in advance if their competition will have semi-finals but will be told when registering and **should therefore be prepared to speak twice**.

Winners from Grades 11 – 12 can go on to compete at the CPF National Concours d'art oratoire finals more information available at www.cpfconcours.ca. The 1st place winners of that final event will each receive a four-year scholarship to the **University of Ottawa and other universities across Canada**.

F - How can your School Board register?

1. Complete the online [School Board Registration form](#) by **November 22nd**. This form indicates your intention to participate and the estimated number of students you will be sending. **The actual number of participants is not required at that time.**
2. Students participate in 4 categories: **Core, Extended, Immersion, and Francophone**. Each category is divided into two grade groupings: **Grades 9-10 and 11-12**.
3. **The maximum number of students permitted per Grade and Category is:**

1 STUDENT PER 50,000 STUDENTS in your school board.

Entire School Board Student Population (Elementary & secondary combined)	Number of eligible students per category
up to 50,000	1
50,001 – 100,000	2
100,001 – 150,000	3
over 150,000	4