

English-AHS-CONTEST 2024

WIFI Dornbirn
Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, 08:30 – 12:30



Format

1. Conditions of Participation

See application form (“Teilnahmebedingungen”).

2. Procedure

Round 1: PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Preparation time** (15 minutes): Candidates are provided with the discussion topics. In addition, each candidate receives a particular question he /she is supposed to refer to in a one-minute opening statement at the beginning of the panel discussion.
- **Panel discussion** (10 – 15 minutes): Each group consists of 3 - 4 candidates. The discussion is introduced with a short **opening statement** by each candidate (see above) and is moderated by a native speaker.
- The **8 best candidates** move on to round 2.

Round 2: SELF-PRESENTATION and SPEECH

- **Preparation time** (10 minutes): For their speech the candidates are offered two topics they can choose from. Together with their topics, they are also given bullet points, which they are supposed to cover in their speeches.
- Round 2 starts with short **self-presentations** (about 1 minute long), in which the candidates talk about the meaning of languages in their lives. After this, they continue with their **speeches** (about 3 minutes).
- The **3 best candidates** move on to the final round.

Round 3: ROLE-PLAY

- **Preparation time** (10 minutes)
- **Role-Play** (5 minutes): The remaining three candidates individually take part in a role-play with a native speaker.

3. Assessment Criteria

Contents:

Variety of ideas and arguments, knowledge of subject, relevance, persuasiveness, coherence, awareness of audience, coverage of bullet points (speech)

Fluency and interaction:

social competence, interacting, reacting, taking initiative, identifying with a certain role

Spectrum of spoken language:

register, range of vocabulary and constructions, idiomatic expressions

Accuracy:

vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, intonation

These criteria are based on the “Analytischer Beobachtungsbogen – B2”.

4. Topics

Examples of last year’s topics are attached below (“Topics Contest 2023”).

5. Our Team

Moderator: Bronwyn Konrad

Jury: not decided yet

Organizer: Mag. Susanne Dalpra
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TOPICS AHS-E-CONTEST 2023:

Round 1: PANEL DISCUSSION

IS TODAY'S SCHOOL SYSTEM OUTDATED?



There is a growing feeling that something is wrong with our system of education. Some say that pupils are not really prepared for the world which is changing very fast and that they are not seen as individuals. On the other hand there are many teachers and schools that try to give them room for their passions and interests and take the different learning types into account.

So what is your opinion? Is our school system really outdated? What changes would have to be done to modernize our schools? What does work well in our school system? Where is still some place for improvement?

Take the following aspects into consideration to answer the questions above:

- classroom environment
- curriculum
- relationships between teachers and pupils
- digitalisation
- methods of learning and teaching
- soft skills like team spirit, communication or empathy

Before the discussion starts, give a brief statement on your opinion to the question raised at the beginning: "Is today's school system outdated?"

Round 2: SPEECH

Prepare a short self-presentation (about 1 minute long), in which you talk about **the role of languages in your life**.

After this, continue with your speech (3 - 4 minutes).

For your speech choose **one** of the following topics below.

You may, of course, also add your own ideas in your speech, but you need to cover the following points:

Topic 1

Online shopping – good or bad?

- variety of goods
- convenience and time
- effect on local economy
- danger of shopping addiction
- personal attitude towards online shopping

Topic 2

Reading – important or overrated?

- the effects of reading
- amount of reading
- reading as leisure activity
- books made into films
- personal attitude towards reading

Round 3: ROLEPLAY

You have 10 minutes to prepare yourself for a five-minute-role-play with our moderator.

Party time

Your next birthday is coming up soon and as it was not possible for you to have a birthday party the last three years, you are planning to have a big one this year. However, even if your mum agrees with you that young people need to let off steam and ought to celebrate their birthdays, your idea of a birthday party is not the same as hers.

Now you need to persuade her on the number of guests, the food and drinks you want to serve as well as the beginning and the duration of your party. Additionally, there is one tricky thing you also want to achieve: you do not want your parents to be at home...

