



What is this [National Competition](#)?

The National Portuguese Exam is a motivational contest to **recognize** student achievements, to promote language proficiency, and to **stimulate** further interest in the teaching and learning of Portuguese.

The NSE is committed to providing teachers with assessment tools and offering students opportunities to know their language skill ratings in vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, and listening comprehension.

Our Purpose

- ◆ To recognize academic achievements
- ◆ To promote proficiency in interpretive communication
- ◆ To assess individual students in comparison to the national standards
- ◆ To stimulate further interest in the teaching and learning of Spanish & Portuguese

Many teachers state that they use our National Examinations to prepare students to take other standardized tests such as AP, IB, SAT II and college placement exams.

Many administrators state that they can use data from our National Examinations to create reports to show how their schools have improved over an academic year.

The NPE evaluates both content and performance standards through authentic texts:

1. Content Standards (Vocabulary & Grammar)
 - a. What a student should know in a content area at a particular level
2. Performance Standards (Reading & Listening)
 - a. What a student should be able to do at a particular proficiency level

NPE

for Middle-High School

Available Prizes
Certificates
Medals

Must be AATSP Member

NPE - The [National Portuguese Exam](#) is an online, standardized assessment competition for Grades 5-12, given voluntarily by middle and high school teachers throughout the United States, to measure achievement and performance (interpretive communication) of students who are studying Portuguese as a second language.

LEVELS

Students must be registered for the National Examination in the level which corresponds to the same course for which the student is receiving credit.

CATEGORIES

Students with like-exposure compete with each other by registering in one of three competition categories:

1. Classroom Experience
2. Outside Experience
3. Bilingual

SCORING & PRIZES

The National Spanish Exam is scored using National Percentiles.

There are several ways that NSE nationally [acknowledges](#) our students and teachers for making outstanding achievements:

- **Certificates • Medals • [NSE Shout-Outs](#)**
- [Scholarships for Students](#)
 - Senior Scholarships
 - Junior Study Abroad Scholarships
 - Global Citizen Scholarships
- [Teacher Awards](#)
 - Study Abroad Scholarships
 - Stipends to attend the Annual AATSP Conference

COST

There are only two costs associated with proctoring the NSE's suite of exams, (1) per Teacher (AATSP members do not have to pay the \$75 per teacher cost, as giving our Exams is a benefit of having an AATSP membership) and (2) per Student (competitions cost a national fee of \$5 during regular registration).

Exam Type	⇒	National Competition
Registration	⇒	Nov 1st – Feb 10th
Cost	⇒	\$5
Exam Time	⇒	Feb 27th – Apr 5th
Results	⇒	Apr 28th

HOW TO REGISTER

If your student takes Portuguese in school, the first step is to reach out to their Portuguese Teacher. Send them this PDF and let them know that we have all of the information necessary on our website! If they need assistance, they can feel free to Contact Us with the details below.

This information is applicable for standard schools such as private schools, public schools, charter schools, virtual schools, etc.!

Homeschool Students

Students that study Portuguese and are homeschooled should proceed to the Individualized Plans tab on the NSE website. An application form must be submitted no later than December 15th, 2022.

Please be sure to go through all of the links in this document and to thoroughly explore the NSE website, almost every question can be answered this way! Additionally, please check out the [FAQ \(frequently asked questions\)](#) tab. If you need further guidance or assistance after reviewing this material, please feel free to contact us!

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