



NW DISTRICT LITERARY RALLY

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NORTHWEST LOUISIANA LITERARY RALLY ASSOCIATION NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

September 2, 2024

Dear Principals and Rally Coordinators,

It is once again time to start preparations for the Northwest Louisiana District Literary Rally. You are receiving the 2024 Northwest Louisiana Rally Bulletin via email in which the required entry forms, event details, and deadlines. The bulletin will also be accessible at <https://www.nsula.edu/litrally/>.

It is very important that you include a working email for your Rally Coordinator on the online registration system so that your school can fully participate as I will send all information to the rally coordinator by email. If there has been a change in your school's coordinator provide this information promptly to nwltrally@nsula.edu so that may forward this email to them as well as create a username and password for the online portal system.

When reviewing your Rally information, please make special note of the following:

COMPETITION / TRADITION: The Northwest Rally is one of the largest and oldest competitions for academically talented students. The Northwest Rally has traditionally hosted many of Louisiana's finest high schools and offers opportunities to compete in 46 different academic areas as well as vocal music and drama open events.

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD: A Sweepstakes award will be given to the top three performing schools in each division.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS: Top performing students in each event, in each division, will be presented with medals. Each student who attends the Rally will also be recognized with a Certificate of Participation.

DIVISIONS: All schools will be assigned to the appropriate division based on enrollment in grades 9-12. However, if any student in the 8th grade is competing in an event, the enrollment count must include the eighth-grade enrollment as well (see division rules- page 7-8). A school may not elect to compete in the higher enrollment division.

MUSIC AND DRAMA: The rules and application forms are in this bulletin. Students qualify for State Rally in these events by scoring a "superior". A school may participate in these events without participating in academic events.

DEADLINES:

- **Open Event proposals must be submitted and approved one year prior to Rally.**
- **The following information is due no later than December 6, 2024:**
 - **District School Entry - online submission**
 - Schools whose online forms are not submitted by the official dates will not be allowed to participate. There will be no exceptions.
 - **District School Payment - mailed**
 - District Membership Dues check (150.00 high school /\$100.00 junior high)
 - Make check payable to **Northwest Louisiana Rally Association**.
 - Failure to pay District and/or State Rally dues will result in your school not participating in the District Literary Rally.
 - **LHSRA Membership registration and dues** must be submitted to the LHSRA Office no later than December 6, 2024. State Membership Registration and Dues: [See website for more information](#).
- **The following forms are due no later than February 21, 2025: via email to nwltrally@nsula.edu**
 - Certification for Foreign Language Events (if applicable)
 - Request for Special Test Accommodations
 - Drama Event Participation Form
 - Music Event Participation Form

We hope your school will join the Northwest Louisiana Literary Rally. After reading the enclosures, please call or email if you have questions at (318) 357-6128, nwltrally@nsula.edu.



Dr. Yonna Pasch
NW District Literary Rally Coordinator

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For more information regarding State Literary Rally visit the State Literary Rally website at www.lhsra.org

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According to Northwest District Literary Rally by-laws:

- the members of the Executive Board shall serve for a term of two years;
- the retiring president of the Association shall serve an additional term in an advisory capacity on the board;
- the Vice President of the Northwest Rally Association shall serve as President-elect;
- a State Officer from Northwest Association shall serve in an advisory capacity during the time that he/she holds State office and for a period of two years after vacating the State Office;
- advisory members of the Board shall have no voting privileges.

In the event that a vacancy occurs during the year, the Executive Committee shall serve as a nominating committee to select a replacement.

2025 Literary Rally Timeline

The official entry process with deadlines are indicated below:

	REQUIRED FORMS	DEADLINE	RESOURCES
LHSRA - State	State Membership form & dues	December 6, 2024	Website
District	District School Online Entry Form	December 6, 2024	Website
	District Membership dues \$150.00	Post marked by December 6, 2024	Mailed to: <i>Northwestern State University, NSU Box 5286, Natchitoches, LA 71497</i>
	Certification for Foreign Language Events	February 21, 2025	Email to nwlitrally@nsula.edu
	Special Accommodations	February 21, 2025	Email to nwlitrally@nsula.edu
	Online Event Student Entry Form	February 21, 2025	Email to nwlitrally@nsula.edu
	Drama Entry Form (open event)	February 21, 2025	Email to nwlitrally@nsula.edu
	Music Entry Form (open event)	February 21, 2025	Email to nwlitrally@nsula.edu

- Your school must join and pay the dues **for both the District and State Rally** to participate in the rally competition.
- After your School Entry form and dues are received you will receive an email containing a link to the Online Event Entry form and a password. You can enter and edit information on this form.
- Please remember that you must bring 1 copy of your registered students with ID #s with you on the day of the Northwest District Literary Rally.
- The **Annual Business Meeting** will be held in the Cane River Room in the Student Union at 9:30 am. Principals must attend or select a voting delegate to represent them in this meeting.
- The **Hospitality Area** for principals and delegates will be in the Presidents' Room of the Student Union.

ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms for the Northwest Louisiana Rally are online and some are included in this booklet for review. All correspondence and questions should be directed to:

Northwest Louisiana Rally Association
Attn: Dr. Yonna Pasch, Northwest District Rally Coordinator
 NSU Box 5242
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GENERAL INFORMATION

RALLY HEADQUARTERS:

Rally headquarters will be in the Student Union Hendrick Room (1st Floor) and opens at 8:00 AM on Saturday.

HOSPITALITY AREA:

A hospitality area for principals and other school officials will be in the Student Union President's Room (2nd floor).

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

The Annual Business Meeting will be held in the Student Union Cane River Room (2nd Floor) beginning at 9:30 AM to elect officers for the coming year and conduct business pertaining to the Rally. Principals of each participating school and/or their designated voting representatives for the Annual Business meeting must register at their division's table at Rally Headquarters. Every school should be represented by its principal or his/her designated representative to participate in the Rally.

The responsibility of the Executive Board is to ensure that the Northwest Louisiana Rally is operated in the "Spirit of the Rally" and is responsible for interpretation and regulation of the Rally as stated in State and Northwest Rally Bulletins. According to Northwest District Literary Rally by-laws:

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- the retiring president of the Association shall serve an additional term in an advisory capacity on the board.
- the Vice President of the Northwest Rally Association shall serve as President-elect.
- a State Officer from Northwest Association shall serve in an advisory capacity during the time that he/she holds State office and for a period of two years after vacating the State Office.
- advisory members of the Board shall have no voting privileges.

If a vacancy occurs during the year, the Executive Committee shall serve as a nominating committee to select a replacement.

Proposals or items to be discussed at the Annual Business Meeting held on Rally Day must be on the written agenda. Any proposal or item must be submitted to the District Rally Executive Secretary in writing two weeks prior to the annual meeting to appear on the agenda. A proposal must be submitted and approved (one year prior to the Rally for which they are to be offered) by general session for Open Events to be included in Rally. For final approval, the proposal will be submitted to the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Northwestern to determine if it is feasible for Northwestern to offer the proposed test.

SPIRIT OF THE RALLY

The intent of the Literary Rally is to foster a sense of fair academic competition among the participating students. The integrity of the spirit of the rally may only be maintained if no competitor is given an unfair advantage.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

A list of room assignments for the various events on Rally Day will be mailed to participating principals after registration is completed.

ANSWER SHEETS

Preprinted computer answer sheets will be mailed to the schools before Rally Day or if you prefer, kept at NSU. These answer sheets are produced according to the information you provide on the *Event Entry Form*. There should be an answer sheet for each team member in each event. Each answer sheet is pre-coded by school, event and time. You or your students must complete the student's name and three-digit ID number on the answer sheet. Blacken the corresponding oval in each column. This answer sheet is the student's admission ticket for entry into a testing session.

STUDENT RALLY ID NUMBERS

Compilation of results will be done by the NSU Computer Center. To compile results, it is necessary that each student's name and ID number is used only for that student. Answer sheets for one student should not be given to a student who is substituting in an event. Students should also be reminded to check the name and time of the test they are taking before the test begins.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions are the responsibility of each school. Be sure that the Student Rally ID is not being used by another student. Please observe the cut-off date for entering substitutes in the online registration program. The school official that attends Rally should make sure to pick up and distribute the answer sheets to the students that are registered as substitutes.

PARTICIPANT ACTIVITIES

To ensure an enjoyable day for Rally participants, the University has scheduled the following special events program.

1. Campus tours will be available after the completion of Rally tests. Please meet in front of the Student Union for a tour of one of Louisiana's most beautiful and historic college campuses.
2. Notification of other special Northwestern events scheduled for Rally participants will be included in Rally materials mailed to schools for distribution on Rally Day.
3. Meal rate approximations from Sodexo are around \$11 per meal. We have the following meal locations available:
 - a. Vic's
 - b. Steak 'N Shake
 - c. Chick-Fil-A
 - d. Iberville
 - e. Café Demon

DIVISIONS

For the Rally contests in Literary Events, the schools will be divided into five divisions--I, II, III, IV, V. **The record of registration at the close of the first month of the school year as given on the official annual report to the State Department of Education shall be taken as the basis for classification.** A school may no longer choose to compete in a higher division.

DIVISION	# OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
I.....	1,001 and up
II.....	501 - 1000
III.....	251 - 500
IV.....	151 - 250
V.....	1- 150

NOTE: Unit schools (K-12) use 9-12 grade enrollments as basis for classification. Middle, junior, ninth grade centers and other special schools use the annual reports for purposes of classification.

ELIGIBILITY

All students must be officially enrolled in a state approved high school and must meet the eligibility requirements of the LA Rally Association and the Northwest Rally Association to participate in the Northwest LA Rally. However, unlike most other Rallies, the Northwest Rally utilizes a team approach for testing. Team eligibility not covered in the bulletin should be directed to the District Rally Director.

Student Eligibility

1. Are enrolled in no more than two Rally events.
2. Are currently enrolled--or have been enrolled--in a course during the current school year*.
3. Are not repeating a course for a higher grade (not including a student repeating due to failure).

4. *Are taking a Carnegie unit in the school in which they are enrolled.*
5. *Are not native speakers in the foreign language in which they will test. The main language spoken at home is considered the native language. Refer to the information about the "Spirit of the Rally" when considering "fluent" speakers as participants in foreign language events. **It is the intent of the Rally Association that all students have an equal advantage in the foreign language competition.***

*Schools offering subjects in alternating yearly or semester basis are eligible to enter students in those events; however, a student may not represent a school more than once in an event.

Team Eligibility

1. Each student on a team must be an eligible participant.
2. A team from each school will be composed of three students in each event in which the school participates.
3. Each school is limited to one team per event.
4. A school may enter a team of less than three. Students competing on teams of less than three may be considered for State Rally.
5. Only those entering a team of three will be eligible to receive a team rating in the Northwest Rally.
6. Only team ratings are used for Sweepstakes Awards.
7. Teams of less than three will receive a "no rating". "No Rating" scores are used in calculation of Sweepstakes.
8. Schools may not enter an event that is not offered in the current school year (NOTE EXCEPTION UNDER STUDENT ELIGIBILITY).
9. All participants from a school must take the exam at the same time.

TEST REGULATIONS

1. Subject matter for each event will be approximately two-thirds of the work in the subject for the current year. The text used in preparing the event will be one or all texts approved for use in Louisiana schools.
2. Time for each event will be fifty minutes. Students must remain in the testing room until all have completed the test.
3. No one from a participating school, except the contestants, may be in the testing room while a test is in progress. The District Rally Executive Secretary must approve any exceptions.
4. All participants from a school (whether a complete team of three members or not) taking an examination must take the examination at the same time. Teams may not split to allow participants to take an examination at different times--Result: DISQUALIFICATION. A team disqualification means that the team will receive a rating of zero and not count towards the Sweepstakes minimum.
5. Students must test at the time reserved by your school rally coordinator on Part II. Changes in testing times cannot be made after your school's information has been entered into the computer scoring program and answer sheets have been printed.
6. **In keeping with state policy, calculators are allowed during Math and Science Events at the Northwest Rally*.**
7. Students should enter testing buildings no earlier than 10 minutes prior to test times. Students should vacate the buildings immediately upon completion of tests.
8. For students needing to take a Special Test, please complete Part I, School Entry Form.

*As established by ACT, four-function, scientific, or graphing calculators are permitted. The following features are excluded: (1) computer-type capabilities, (2) QWERTY keyboards, (3) use of paper tapes, (4) noise/sound occurring during use, (5) pocket organizers, (6) handheld or laptop computers, (7) electronic writing pads or pen-input devices, (8) wireless transfer of information capabilities, and (9) use of power cords.

SCORING

The tests will be computer scored for team and individual ratings. Tests are scored by computer using the answer keys provided by the State Rally Association. Qualifying for the State Rally competition will be based on individual scores by division. When all tests have been scored and verified the medal winners and state qualifiers will be posted on the NW Louisiana District Literary Rally website. Schools will receive printouts of individual scores and ratings, team ratings, sweepstakes winners, and state qualifiers by mail. **Neither Northwestern nor the Northwest Rally Association will be responsible for Rally results when a test is taken on the wrong answer sheet or when an answer sheet is not score-able.**

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Individual Ratings are based on the top scores made on each test, not on the total possible score on a test.

- **Superior** is awarded to the top 10% of the scores.
- **Excellent** is awarded to the next 15% of the scores.
- **Very Good** is awarded to the next 15% of the scores.
- **Good** is awarded to the next 20% of the scores.

TEAM SCORING

Team Ratings are based on an average of the individual ratings of each team member. For the purpose of averaging, rating values are as follows:

- A **superior** rating is awarded a value of 4.
- An **excellent** rating is awarded a value of 3.
- A **very good** rating is awarded a value of 2.
- A **good** rating is awarded a value of 1.

SWEEPSTAKES SCORING

- Divisions I and II must enter three member teams in at least 25 events and Divisions III, IV and V must enter three teams in at least 15 events in order to be considered for a Sweepstakes Award. Open events will count toward minimum requirements.
- Each team entered will be given a team rating as described under Team Ratings.
- Scores will then be computed by adding the total number of points earned and dividing that number by the number of teams entered on Rally Day to obtain an average school rating. This rating will be numerically expressed on a 0-4 point scale.
- The school in each division with the highest average school rating earned is the winner of Sweepstakes Award.
- In case of a tie, two awards will be given.

TIES

Northwestern State University representatives will select ten significant items on each district test and rank them in descending order. Ties will be broken through computer analysis of these significant items by the NSU testing team. If a tie still exists after this analysis, the Department Heads will break the tie.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE RALLY

The number of qualifiers from the various district rallies will be determined by implementation of the following formula:

Number of Schools Entered by Division	Number of Qualifiers per Division (per event)
1-5	2
6-10	3
11-15	4
16-20	5
21 and over	6

Only one person, per school, per event can qualify for the State Literary Rally. Because of this, a student with a relatively high score may not qualify if someone from the same school has a higher score. Conversely, a student with a comparatively low score may qualify because those above him might be from the same school and qualifying in other events. In the case of a single student having the top score in two events, he/she will qualify for State in the event in which he/she has the higher percentage score. The LMEA solo and ensemble festival will serve to qualify students to the State Literary Rally provided they score a superior rating in the event. However, the maximum qualifiers that are permitted are: 2 in high voice girl's solos, 2 low voice girl's solos, 2 high voice boys' solos and 2 low voice boys' solos. Also, these ensembles may qualify 2 mixed quartets, 2 boys' quartets and 2 girls' trios.

AWARDS

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place Sweepstakes winner in each division.

DISTRICT AWARDS / MEDALS

Medals are awarded to the top scoring students in each event in each division. A "Certificate of Participation" will be awarded to each student attending the Northwest Rally.

NORTHWESTERN SCHOLARSHIPS

Northwestern State University's selective admission program and The Louisiana Scholars' College, offer honors stipends to outstanding Louisiana State and District Rally winners. Senior winners at the Northwest District or any Louisiana district high school rally or the Louisiana State Rally are eligible. You must meet Northwestern State University criteria and deadlines to qualify. The outstanding student awards are for one year with the provision that students maintain at least 3.0 average as a full-time student. Only students with a high school GPA of 3.0 or above will be considered. **Call or write to the Northwestern Admissions Office at 1-800-426-3754 to activate awards for Rally winners.**

SPECIAL TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

LHSRA is committed to serving students with disabilities by providing reasonable accommodations appropriate to the student's diagnosis. Students who currently receive accommodation in school due to a professionally diagnosed and documented disability may provide documentation to support a request for special testing accommodations. The information provided to LHSRA about the student's disability will be treated as confidential and will be used solely to determine the student's eligibility for accommodation. Details about the student's testing accommodation will be shared only with the testing staff and will not be released to anyone else. The *Request for Special Testing Accommodations* form can be found online.

Guiding Principles

LHSRA has long provided accommodations to test takers with disabilities and is committed to compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In this regard, LHSRA has adopted the following guiding principles for responding to requests from examinees for testing accommodations:

- Requirements and procedures for testing accommodations must ensure fairness for all candidates, both those seeking accommodations and those testing under standard conditions.
- Accommodation must be consistent with ADA requirements and appropriate and reasonable for documented disability.
- Accommodation must not result in an undue burden, as that term is used under the ADA, or fundamentally alter that which the test is designed to measure.
- Documentation of disability must meet guidelines that are appropriate by qualified professionals and must provide evidence that the disability substantially limits one or more major life activities. Applicants must also provide information about prior accommodation made in a similar setting, such as academic classes and other testing situations.

Confidentiality

All documentation submitted to LHSRA is kept confidential and is used solely to determine the student's eligibility for test accommodations. Test supervisors are also instructed to treat as confidential all information they receive relative to the examinee's disability and accommodation.

Examples of Special Testing Accommodations

- Students with visual impairments or blindness may have assistance marking responses and may request extended time. Students may be provided with a large font type (e.g. 18-point) test, a Braille test, or an assigned test reader as appropriate to the disability.
- Students with hearing impairments whose hearing loss has caused a reading disability may be considered for extended time if documentation supports the request. A sign language interpreter may assist with pre-test information and spoken instructions, but not normally with the test items.

- Students with learning disabilities may request extended time and/or alternate test formats. The test format requested should be consistent with test accommodation currently provided at the school.
 - Students with motor disabilities may be eligible for extended time and assistance marking responses.
 - Students with psychological or cognitive disabilities may be eligible for extended time if the documentation supports the request. Note: Test anxiety alone is not a disability according to federal disability guidelines.
- NOTA BENE: LHSRA Special Testing Accommodations is adapted from ACT Policy for Documentation to Support Requests for Test Accommodations on the ACT, 20*

STUDENT PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

- Students may congregate in the Student Union lobby and Ballroom (2nd floor) or outside of the academic buildings when not testing.
- Please remain out of the buildings where tests are administered unless you are taking a test.
- Enter the building 10 minutes prior to testing. *Please be quiet. Other students are taking tests.*
- Quietly vacate the building immediately after you finish your test.
- To get credit for the test you are taking, you must test at the time assigned to you that is printed on your answer sheet. You cannot choose what time you would prefer to take a test. Neither you nor your counselor can change the test subject, code, and time on your answer sheet. You must go to room 221 in the Student Union if your answer sheet needs to be changed.
- All team members must test in an event at the same time, or your team will be disqualified in that event.
- Please check the name and time of the event that is printed on your answer sheet. Verify that you are taking the correct test and the correct time. Write your name and student code on your answer sheet. Do not use an answer sheet that has another student's name or code written on it.
- It is to your advantage to keep your answer sheet neat and unfolded. If the computer cannot score it, you will be disqualified in that event.
- Cheating will result in the disqualification of the student and a report to his/her school.
- Turn off cell phones and put them away before entering the testing building. Any use of cell phones during tests will result in your disqualification.
- Please respect our campus and help keep it clean by disposing of trash in trash cans.

LITERARY RALLY EVENTS

For more information, please visit <https://lhsra.org/events-offered/>.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

Agriscience I

Eligibility: Students enrolled in the first year of Agriscience. The objective-type questions will be based on the beginner's knowledge of basic Agricultural Science information as outlined in the Agriscience I Course of Studies.

Accepted Course Codes: 010301, 010401, 010402, 010403, 010404

Agriscience II

Eligibility: Students enrolled in the second year of Agriscience. The objective-type questions will be based on the advanced knowledge of basic Agricultural Science information as outlined in the Agriscience II Course of Studies.

Accepted Course Codes: 010302, 010411, 010412, 010413, 010414

Agriscience III

Eligibility: Students enrolled in the third year of Agriscience. The objective-type questions will be based on Agricultural Areas of Specialization, Farm Management, and Farm Mechanics as prescribed in the Agriscience III Course of Studies.

Accepted Course Codes: 010303

BUSINESS

Accounting I

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Accounting I. The testing of this event is primarily a short answer, objective-type exam, including multiple-choice and/or matching items. Emphasis on elementary fundamentals of Accounting I: work sheet, adjustments, trial balance, bad debts, complication of notes, and inventories. Minimum of basic financial statement preparation is expected. No extended mathematical calculations.

Accepted Course Codes: 040101

Business Computer Applications

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Business Computer Application or Business Computer Application I. A written, objective-type test is designed to acquaint students with the advanced principles associated with information processing based on Office 2010. Students must be versed in advanced computer concepts, software applications, and computer systems. Emphasis will be placed on skill development in using technology to perform advanced information processing.

Topics of study include computer concepts, word processing, spreadsheet, database, and presentation software applications. Communication skills, keyboarding, decision-making, technology, and critical thinking skills are reinforced in this course through business application projects.

Accepted Course Codes: 04040

Economics

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Economics are eligible. The test consists of objective-type questions covering the following topics: politics, sociology, law, psychology, geography and history, at local and global levels.

Accepted Course Codes: 91604, 91605, 91607, 916115, 916454

Introduction to Business Computer Application

Eligibility: Students who are enrolled in the primary Business Computer Application course. Students who have completed Introduction to Business Computer Application and who are enrolled in Business Computer Application or Business Computer Application I are not permitted to test in this event. A written, objective-type test will be administered and will include basic computer application skills based on Office 2010. Students will be expected to have knowledge in the touch method of operating a computer keyboard to produce simple business documents. Emphasis will be placed on basic computer concepts both hardware and software, word processing, and spreadsheet applications.

Accepted Course Codes: 040401

Principles of Business:

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit of Principles of Business (formerly called Introduction to Business) who are regularly enrolled or were enrolled last semester. The test includes objective-type questions covering the following topics: living and working in our economy; the nature of American business; business and the consumer; saving and investing money; practical money management; banks and banking services; economic risks and insurance; communication and transportation; our economic world; and government, business, and labor.

Accepted Course Codes: 040306, 041025

ENGLISH

English I, II, III, and IV: These events will test students' knowledge of all aspects of their work in English in their respective grade levels. They will be expected to demonstrate that they are able to read and interpret literature, understand the principles of writing correctly and effectively, and have a working knowledge of English grammar.

English I

Eligibility: Students with less than one (1) unit in English.

Accepted Course Codes: 120331

English II

Eligibility: Students with less than two (2) units in English.

Accepted Course Codes: 120332

English III

Eligibility: Students with less than three (3) units in English.

Accepted Course Codes: 120325, 120327, 120329, 120333, 120341, 120403, 120404, 120601, 120602, 120603, 120604, 120605

English IV

Eligibility: Students with less than four (4) units in English.

Accepted Course Codes: 120326, 120328, 120330, 120334, 120342, 120405, 120406, 120606, 120607, 120608, 120609, 120610, 120611, 120612, 120613, 120614, 120615, 120616

Journalism I

Eligibility: Students currently enrolled in Journalism I with less than one unit of Journalism or students who are regularly enrolled in a half-unit course during the Fall Semester. The objective-type questions will cover topics including principles of journalism, news writing, editing, news concepts, press law as it relates to scholastic journalism, word usage, design principles, style, editorial concepts, and the role of journalism in the high school community.

Accepted Course Codes: 050601, 050602, 050699

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Family and Consumer Science

Eligibility: Students who are currently enrolled in Family and Consumer Science (formerly called Consumer Homemaking I) and who have less than one full unit in the Family and Consumer Sciences. The objective-type test will be based on the content of basic units in Family and Consumer Science – a comprehensive, introductory course in the family and consumer sciences. The basic units include Nutrition and Food, Consumer Education, Parenthood Education (formerly called Human Development and Family Relationships), Clothing and Personal Appearance, and Housing.

Accepted Course Codes: 100401, 100410, 100411, 100412, 100413

Nutrition & Food

Eligibility: Students who are enrolled in Consumer Homemaking II, students who have completed or who are enrolled in Nutrition & Food, Advanced Nutrition & Food, Nutrition Education, or Advanced Nutrition Education, and students enrolled in Preparatory or Cooperative Food Services. The test consists of objective-type questions drawn from these content units.

Accepted Course Codes: 100300, 100301, 100315

FINE ARTS

Fine Arts Survey

Students currently enrolled in Fine Arts Survey for at least a half-Carnegie Unit or students who were regularly enrolled in at least a half-Carnegie Unit course during the Fall Semester are eligible. The test consists of objective-type questions drawn from the interrelationship of the four arts—Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts—as applied in contemporary society and their daily lives. The course includes the examination of aesthetics, historical perspective, and critical analysis of each of these arts in order to develop a familiarity and respect for cultural differences. This course also analyzes great works of art relative to the content and uses of artistic elements.

Accepted Course Codes: 030332, 030364, 030590, 030591, 030592, 030593

Eligibility:

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

A student who is a native speaker* of a foreign language **is not eligible** to participate in that foreign language event. French I, II, and III and Spanish I, II, and III tests consist of **objective-type questions** drawn from the two parts that test the student's abilities in the following: structural analysis and reading comprehension. In structural analysis, the student is tested on the different grammatical structures involving parts of speech, idiomatic expressions, etc. In reading comprehension, the student is tested on his/her ability to understand what one reads and correctly answer questions based on the passages read. * *One whose main language at home is other than English is a native speaker of that particular language.*

French I:

Eligibility: Students with less than one (1) unit in French. Junior High students are eligible to enter.

Accepted Course Codes: 121001, 121006, 121007, 121008

French II:

Eligibility: Students with less than two (2) units in French.

Accepted Course Codes: 121002

French III:

Eligibility: Students with less than three (3) units in French.

Accepted Course Codes: 121003, 121009, 121011, 121012, 121013

Spanish I

Eligibility: Students with less than one (1) unit in Spanish. Junior High students are eligible to enter.

Accepted Course Codes: 122501, 122507, 122508

Spanish II

Eligibility: Students with less than two (2) units in Spanish.

Accepted Course Codes: 122502

Spanish III

Eligibility: Students with less than three (3) units in Spanish.

Accepted Course Codes: 122503, 122509, 122511, 122512

Spanish IV (new event to be implemented beginning Rally 2017)

Eligibility: Students with less than four (4) units in Spanish.

Accepted Course Codes: 122504, 122506, 122510, 122513, 12

HEALTH

Health

Eligibility: Students who are regularly enrolled or were enrolled last semester with less than one unit in the subject. Test topics include concepts related to: health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health; the influence of family, peers, culture, media, technology, and other factors on health behaviors; the assessment of valid information, products, and services to enhance health; the use of interpersonal communications skills to enhance health and avoid or reduce health risks; the ability to use decision-making skills and goal-setting skills to enhance health; the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors and avoid or reduce personal, family, and community health risks; and identifying effective strategies to overcome barriers or attitudes when communicating on health issues.

Accepted Course Codes: 190101, 190500

MATHEMATICS

Special Instructions: Students may use an LHSRA approved calculator on all Mathematics tests. See LHSRA Calculator Usage Policy for details.

Advanced Math – Pre-Calculus

Eligibility: Students who are regularly enrolled at present or who were enrolled the previous semester. Test topics include definitions of circular functions which relate real numbers with real numbers, graphs of circular functions, identities and conditional equations, trigonometric functions, and polar coordinates.

Accepted Course Codes: 160346, 160348, 160365, 160366, 160501, 160502

Advanced Math – Functions & Statistics

Eligibility: Students who are regularly enrolled at present or who were enrolled in the last semester. Test topics include: single-variable statistics and data collection; bivariate statistics, regression and correlation; probability and probability distributions; functions; trigonometry; exponential and logarithmic functions; modeling of data using a variety of functions; graphs; & paths.

Accepted Course Codes: 160347

Algebra I

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Algebra. Test topics include: rational numbers, polynomials, rational expressions (quotients of polynomials), relations and functions, and systems of linear equations-solutions.

Accepted Course Codes: 160321, 160380

Algebra II

Eligibility: Students with less than two units in Algebra. Test topics include: linear equations, polynomials, relations and functions, rational numbers and expressions, complex numbers, exponential and logarithmic functions.

Accepted Course Codes: 160322

Calculus I

Eligibility: Students who are regularly enrolled at present or who were enrolled the previous semester. Test topics include: vertical and horizontal asymptotes; one sided limits, limits found algebraically, trigonometric limits, infinite limits, limits of infinity; derivatives of algebraic, trigonometric, exponential, and logarithmic functions; application of the derivative; definite and indefinite integrals and applications of the integral to find the area, volume, work, average value of a function, and arc length. A tie-breaker question is included.

Accepted Course Codes: 160326, 160327, 160357, 160359, 160360, 160368, 160504, 160506

MATHEMATICS, continued.

Calculus II

Eligibility: Students with less than two units in Calculus. Test topics include: Definition of the derivative, continuity, limits (approaching both real numbers and infinity), derivatives, and antiderivatives of rational, trigonometric, inverse trigonometric, exponential, and logarithmic functions, continuity and differentiability on intervals, horizontal asymptotes, applications of the derivative, Mean and Intermediate Value Theorems, average value of functions, solutions of differential equations, Riemann sums, definite integrals and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, improper integrals, calculating area between curves, arc length, volumes of solids of revolution, sequences, infinite series (including Taylor, Maclaurin, geometric, alternating, and p-series), power series and intervals of convergence, Taylor and Maclaurin polynomials, derivatives and antiderivatives of functions in polar coordinates and parametric equations, and Euler's Method for approximating solutions to differential equations.

Accepted Course Codes: 160328, 160358, 160507

Financial Literacy

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Financial Math (formerly called Business/Financial Mathematics). Test topics include cash recording, payroll, budgeting, buying, borrowing, investing, paying taxes, insurance, and owning real and personal property. Math needed for every consumer will be used in both personal and business applications.

Accepted Course Codes: 160345

Geometry

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Geometry. In order to minimize the number of identical scores, several problems will have multiple parts. Lines, angles, polygons, with associated elements; coordinate geometry of line segments in the Cartesian plane, points of division of line segments; circles and all elements associated with circles; solid geometry-polyhedrons, Cavalieri's Theorem, and regular polyhedrons will be included.

Accepted Course Codes: 160323

SCIENCE

Special Instructions: Students may use an LHSRA approved calculator on Chemistry and Physics tests only. See LHSRA Calculator Usage Policy for details. A Periodic Table of the Elements will be provided on Chemistry tests.

Biology

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit of Biology. The test consists of objective-type questions covering the following topics: man – his various physiological systems; growth and development, cells, and heredity; vertebrates (classes) and invertebrates; Mendelian Laws; classification; evolution; and rudimentary plant biology.
Accepted Course Codes: 150301, 150321, 150322

Biology II

Eligibility: Students with less than two units of Biology. The test consists of objective-type questions on the following topics: historical concepts of anatomy and physiology, scientific investigation, taxonomy, cytology and histology, genetics, skeletal and muscular systems, digestive systems, nervous and endocrine systems, circulatory and respiratory systems, reproduction system, plant anatomy and physiology, photosynthesis, and ecological relationships.

Accepted Course Codes: 150302, 150303, 150305, 150307, 150308, 150323, 150324, 150325, 150326, 150327

Chemistry

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Chemistry. The test consists of objective-type questions covering the following topics: atomic theory, properties and families of the elements, solutions, writing and balancing equations, formulas for elements and compounds, mole weight, ionic reactions, bonding; acids, bases, density, weight, valence, electron dot formula, gas laws, ionic bonding, exothermic and endothermic reactions, solutions, isotopes, and organic formulas.

Accepted Course Codes: 150400, 150401, 150412, 150413, 150414, 150415

Computer Science I

Eligibility: Students who are regularly enrolled or were enrolled the previous semester with less than one unit in this subject. The test will include objective-type questions intended to prepare students in the evolving discipline of computer science. Focus will include programming methodology, algorithm selection and analysis, and selection of appropriate data structures.

Accepted Course Codes: 061101, 061102, 061175, 061176, 061177, 061199

Environmental Science

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Environmental Science. The test will consist of objective-type questions drawn from the following topics: ecology and its sub-topics, resources and its sub-topics, energy and its sub-topics, and pollution and environmental health and its sub-topics.

Accepted Course Codes: 150310, 150311, 150312, 150328, 150911, 150913, 150914

Physical Science

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Physical Science. The test consists of objective-type questions covering the following topics: the nature of science, measurement, forces, work, matter (including change of state, chemical and physical changes, elements, compounds, and mixtures), the chemistry of matter (including the atom, the periodic table, compounds, solutions, acids, and bases), and energy (including types of energy, wave motion, sound, light, electricity, magnetism, heat, and nuclear energy).

Accepted Course Codes: 150802, 150915

Physics

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Physics. The questions will be chosen with a view to testing the student's range of information regarding the principles of physics and his/her knowledge of practical applications as well as his/her ability to solve problems and interpret formulas. The test will include objective-type questions covering the following topics: vectors, motion, force, and Newton's Laws; energy, periodic and circular motion, heat, and wave motion. Other items may include electricity, magnetism, optics, and modern physics. *Accepted Course Codes: 150000, 150699, 150700, 150703, 150704, 150705, 150724, 150725, 15726, 150727, 150728, 150794, 150795*

SOCIAL STUDIES

Civics

Eligibility: The test will consist of objective-type questions covering the following topics: the U.S. Constitution (structure, amendments, interpretations, etc.); structure and powers of the three branches of the Federal Government; structure and powers of local and state government; American economic system; the American (local, state, federal) judiciary; foreign relations; citizenship; the American Free Enterprise System and democracy as well as other economic systems; the nature of the American economy as a free enterprise system; the roles of the individual, money and banking, business, labor, and government in the Free Enterprise System; and problems, benefits, and future of the American Free Enterprise System.

Accepted Course Codes: 220501, 220504, 220510

Government

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Civics are eligible. The test will consist of objective-type questions covering the following topics: The philosophy behind the U.S. Government, the American Founding, the U.S. Constitution (structure, amendments, interpretations, etc.); structure and powers of the three branches of the Federal Government; voting, elections and candidates; and the media and political polling.

Accepted Course Codes: 220502, 220505, 220513, 220501, 220504, 220503, 220514

Psychology

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Psychology. The test consists of objective-type questions covering the following topics: historical framework and relies on effective collection and analysis of data. Topics will also include theories of human development, personality, motivation, and learning.

Accepted Course Codes: 222001

Sociology

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in Sociology. The test consists of objective-type questions covering the following topics: the family; home; community; culture; social change; ethnic groups and their contributions, behavior, and moral/spiritual values.

Accepted Course Codes: 220601

U.S. History

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in U.S. History (formerly called American History). The test consists of objective-type questions covering the following concepts: change, cause and effect, values and beliefs, landmarks, and traditions in America during the period 1877 to the present.

Specific topics included are such as landmark legislation, decisions, treaties, and elections; American traditions; political, literary, social, and religious figures involved in basic American values and beliefs; and foreign relations.

Accepted Course Codes: 220403, 220404, 220405, 220406, 220407, 220408, 220409

World Geography

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in World Geography. Ninth grade Junior High students are eligible to enter. The test consists of objective-type questions covering the following topics: physical and cultural aspects of the earth relative to natural features, landmarks, etc.; location, topography, climate, ecology, natural resources, and economics of the various areas and cultures of the Earth.

Accepted Course Codes: 220300, 220310, 220311, 220312, 220315

World History

Eligibility: Students with less than one unit in World History. The test includes objective-type questions covering the following topics: values and beliefs among ancient/early people; cause and effect of significant political, social, religious changes occurring in history; traditions; famous/celebrated landmarks; significant contributions of individuals; foreign relations; and continuity.

Accepted Course Codes: 220400, 220401, 220411, 220413, 220450, 22045

OPEN LITERARY EVENTS

These three events are open (any grade level is eligible to compete) at the district level. There will be no state qualifiers for these events because these events are not offered at the state level.

BUSINESS ENGLISH

EARTH SCIENCE

SPELLING

These two events are open at the district level and state level. To qualify for state students must score a superior in the event.

MUSIC

DRAMA

NORTHWEST LOUISIANA RALLY ASSOCIATION

RALLY REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Please submit *the Online Registration Form* **no later than February 21, 2025**. Please go to [Website](#) and register before the deadline. The Rally Registration System was created to allow schools to register their students for testing events. Rally Coordinators are given a username and password to access the system. ***PLEASE REMEMBER:*** District & State ***registration and payment*** must be received by the posted deadlines to continue with the ***NEW*** NW District Rally Online registration process.

Registration is a multi-step process:

1. Area Coordinators are to pre-register their school using the NEW Rally Registration System process. ***THIS IS NEW THIS YEAR! This is taking place of the paper registration form used in years past.*** This will put the school in a “pending” status.
2. Once the school is verified (*district payment, state registration and payment are received*) the NW District Rally Coordinator will grant the area coordinators further access into the Online NW District Literary Rally system. Then follow the process below as the steps have not changed from last year.
3. Add the students you expect to participate in the NW District Literary Rally. Use the **Manage Students** option in the left sidebar in the COORDINATORS MENU. The “**Students**” screen will appear. In the upper right corner of this listing, there is a purple button to add + students. Click on the button and the “Add Student” screen will appear. Enter your student’s name and expected date of graduation. * **Be careful to add the correct spelling of the student’s name before hitting the submit button.**
4. Once you have provided your student list, you will then proceed to register for test events by using the “**+ Registration**” option from the left sidebar. The Registration list will have a similar “Add + Registration” button in the upper right area of the screen. Click on the button and the “Register Student” page will appear. In a registration, you will simply choose your student and your event (event and time) and click the submit button. The registration will be added to your listing. You will be able to assign up to three students per event (They must test at the same time).
5. You may make changes to these forms until the cut-off date that will be shared with you by the NW District Rally Coordinator.
6. If you need assistance or experience any issue with the system, we encourage you to click on the “**Need Support?**” item on the left menu. This will let you contact support easily and directly. Please include any screenshots you can take to better describe the issue.
7. **Download and print a copy of the Registration Report for reference when making substitutions.**

DISTRICT CERTIFICATION FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE EVENTS

Please submit *District Certification for Foreign Language Events Form* **no later than February 21, 2025**. All entries must be e-mailed to nwlitrally@nsula.edu by the posted deadline.

I certify that each student entered in ***Spanish I, II, III, IV or French I, II, III*** is not a native speaker of the language (event) in which he/she is entered.

Signature, Spanish Instructor

Signature, French Instructor

Signature, Principal

School

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

Please submit *Request for Testing Accommodations Form* **no later than February 21, 2025**. All entries must be e-mailed to nwlitrally@nsula.edu by the posted deadline.

Student's Name: _____ Rally Event: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ School Fax: _____

Please describe the student's disability and the requested accommodation in the space provided below. Additional documentation may be provided as necessary.

I certify that all information contained on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Principal: _____ Rally Coordinator: _____

E-mail Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

For Office Use Only:

DRAMA EVENTS: GENERAL INFORMATION

The following rules apply to the Drama Events at both District Rally and State Rally:

1. A given school may enter only one production in the contest. The production may be either a one-act play or an excerpt from a longer play which meets the other contest requirements. You may use an original or existing script. For a large selection of one-act plays, you may contact one of the following publishing companies:
 1. Baker's Plays, 1445 Hancock St. #206, Quincy, MA 02169
<http://www.bakersplays.com>
 2. Dramatist's Play Service, 440 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10016
<http://www.dramatists.com>
 3. Samuel French, Inc., 25th West 45th St., New York, NY 10036
<http://www.samuel french.com>
2. No entry may run for more than 20 minutes. Each school will have a maximum of 30 minutes, including 5 minutes for set-up and 5 minutes for strike.
3. Each school must provide all hand props (telephones, books, etc.).
4. The host university will only provide the following:
 - TWO (2) TABLES (stock, non-descript tables that could seat 2-6 people)
 - SIX (6) CHAIRS (stock, non-descript chairs)
 - NO other furniture, scenery, or set pieces will be allowed.
5. No sound equipment will be provided by the host university. Schools may bring their own, but the set-up and strike of this equipment must be done within the allotted time (see #2 above).
6. Basic full-stage light wash will be provided by the host university. No additional or special lighting will be allowed.
7. Warm-up and rehearsal space will be made available by the host university 30 minutes before curtain time. Production groups must supply their own make-up and costumes.
8. All entries will be performed in curtain settings provided by the host university. Schools are **forbidden** to erect any scenery (see #4 above).
9. State Rally performance times will be emailed to all participating schools and will be assigned in the order that their entry form was received.

DRAMA EVENT PARTICIPATION FORM

Please submit *Drama Events Registration Form* **no later than February 21, 2025**. All entries must be e-mailed to nwlitrally@nsula.edu by the posted deadline.

School: _____

Division: _____

Title of Play: _____

Author: _____

Director: _____

Run time in minutes: _____

STUDENT NAME		Play	Role
Last	First		

MUSIC EVENTS: GENERAL INFORMATION

The music events that will be conducted at the District and State levels include:

Four vocal solo contests:

- Girls' High Voice (Soprano)
- Girls' Low Voice (Alto)
- Boys' High Voice (Tenor)
- Boy's Low Voice (Bass)

Ensembles

- Boys' Quartet (TTBB) Regular parts must be sung- i.e. 1st and 2ndtenor & 1st and 2nd bass
- Mixed Quartet (SATB) Regular parts must be sung-i.e. soprano, alto, tenor, bass
- Girls' Trio (SSA) 1st and 2nd soprano and alto must be sung

In all cases, soprano and alto parts must be sung by girls and tenor and bass parts must be sung by boys.

For both solos and ensembles, piano accompaniments may be used and may be played by the competing school's teacher. There will be no accompanist provided by the Rally host. Accompanist must play from the original music. No photocopied music is allowed, and if it occurs the performance has grounds for disqualification. The use of taped accompaniments is discouraged, though not prohibited.

Music performed should be memorized.

It is advisable, but not required, that the performers have original (not copied) music for the judge. In general, it is recommended that there be no alteration of the music or texts as published. However, if optional notes are found in the selections, the singer is advised to use the one best suited to his/her capabilities.

In deciding the contest, the following elements of musical performance will be considered:

- Intonation: Is the selection sung exactly in tune?
- Beauty of tone: Is the tone vital and pleasant to listen to, or is it forced, harsh, and unmusical?
- Phrasing and expression: tempo, rhythmic flow, dynamics, variations to tone, and tempo suited to the mood.
- Suitability of the selection: Is the piece well adapted to the voice and musical ability of the singers?
- Accuracy: rhythms, pitches, attacks, releases, etc.
- Diction: Are the words understandable? Are the vowels sung correctly? Are the consonants clearly enunciated?

Ratings and awards are given as follows: Superior, Excellent, Good, Average and Fair. Superior-rated students will be eligible to compete at the State Rally.

MUSIC ENTRY FORM

Please submit *Music Events Registration Form* **no later than February 21, 2025**. All entries must be e-mailed to nwlitrally@nsula.edu by the posted deadline.

School Name: _____

Division: _____

Accompanist: _____

Music Event	Student's Name		Performance Piece
	Last Name	First Name	