LHSRA | LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RALLY ASSOCIATION

State Rally Open and Performance Events

Eligibility Rules for Open Events 2026-27

Foreign Languages
Special foreign language open events do **not** require qualification at a District Rally. Students do not need to be currently enrolled in a course to participate in any of the open literary (German I, II, or III or Latin I or II) or other open events at State Rally. No school may enter more than one student in each event in Spanish and French events, two students in each event in German and Latin. Students may not participate in the same event more than once.

A student who is a native or heritage speaker of a foreign language is ineligible to participate in that foreign language open event, except if the event is designed specifically for native or heritage speakers. Thus, a student whose main or primary language at home is other than English is considered a native or heritage speaker of that particular language. *Schools must certify that students are non-native speakers of the open event language.*.

Entry forms for State Rally Foreign Language events must be submitted online at www.lhsra.org no later than the deadline of **April 2, 2027**, in order to complete registration.

Note: French and Spanish literary events *do require* a District Rally qualification.

Eligibility Rules for Performance Events

Students must meet one of the following criteria to be eligible to enter State Rally Performance Events:

1. Certification by District Rally Directors as Bona Fide Qualifiers, or
2. Verification by Official Results of the LHSRA sanctioned District Drama Rallies as "Superior" rated performers, or
3. Verification by Official Results of the LMEA District Music Festival as "Superior" rated performers, or
4. Verification by Official Results of the LHSRA sanctioned District Speech Rallies as "Superior" rated performers, or
5. Verification by Official Results of the Vonnie Borden Speech Festival as "Superior" rated performers.

Drama
Schools entering a play in Drama competition must earn a "Superior" rating from their qualifying District Rally or an LHSRA-approved Festival. Entry forms for State Rally Drama events must be submitted online at www.lhsra.org no later than the deadline of **April 2, 2027**, in order to complete registration.

Music
Students who have earned a "Superior" rating at a District Rally or a Louisiana Music Educators Association (LMEA) contest qualify for State Rally music events. Entry forms for State Rally Music events must be submitted online at www.lhsra.org no later than the deadline of **April 2, 2027**, in order to complete registration. All LMEA contests must occur prior to **Monday, March 29, 2027** in order for superior-rated students from these festivals to be eligible to participate in State Rally music events.

Speech
Students who have earned a "Superior" rating at a District Rally Speech competition or who have qualified to compete in the Louisiana High School Speech League Tournament of Champions qualify for State Rally Speech events. Entry forms for State Rally Speech events must be submitted online at www.lhsra.org no later than the deadline of **April 2, 2027**, in order to complete registration.