



Desoto ISD Hispanic Heritage Writing Competition



Rules and Deadline

- Students must choose one of the provided writing prompts.
- Students will compose an essay between 300 and 500 words.
- The essay must be a student's work.
- Two divisions (elementary & secondary) will be judged and there will be one winner for each division.
- Each essay will be scored using the [STAAR Expository writing rubric](#) and [STAAR Persuasive writing rubric](#) (as appropriate) guidelines and blind readings.
- Essays must be neatly and clearly written or typed (Font size 12pt only).
- Winners of each division will receive an award and receive district recognition.
- Sample writing prompts:
 - ❖ *How has Hispanic heritage influenced and impacted contemporary American Society and your community?*
 - ❖ *How has immigration reform affected the Hispanic culture in America?*
 - ❖ *What key innovations have Hispanic Americans made in the field of science, technology, engineering and math, and how have they advanced our society?*
 - ❖ *Compare the ideas of Cesar Chavez and Sophia Cruz and explain how they have influenced today's activist movements.*
 - ❖ *How does the significance of Hispanic culture evoke change in our modern American society?*
- **All entries will need to be submitted here by October 5.**
- **Judging will be held on October 6.**
- **The winners will be announced on October 6.**



What Hispanic Heritage Means to Me

Writing Contest Entry Form

Title of Entry: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ **School:** _____

Teacher's Name _____