

Spring Branch Independent School District
Agenda Item Information

Date of Board Meeting: April 28, 2025

Subject: Recognition of SBISD Farrington Competition Award Winners

Administrator Responsible:

Name: Linda Buchman

Position: Associate Superintendent for Communications and Community Engagement

Purpose of Agenda Item: Special Presentation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR BACK-UP:

The Farrington Competition is an annual event organized by the Houston Area Teachers of Foreign Languages (HATFL).

Thirty-five SBISD students from SBMS, MHS, SHS, NHS, and SWHS proudly represented Spring Branch ISD.

The competition is divided into two phases:

1. The initial phase - students demonstrate their understanding of the language through questions that assess grammar, reading comprehension, and writing skills. Based on their performance, the top five students in each language and level advance to a final round
2. The final round – students engage in an oral interview to showcase their ability to communicate in the target language

Earning a top-five spot required students to excel in both language knowledge and spoken proficiency. This year SBISD had 13 winners (4 more winners than last year). Student names in the backup page.