

The National Greek Exam and Greek in the Junior Classical League

The National Greek Exam (NGE) has long been offering a battery of exams for high school students of Greek from Introductory to Advanced levels. These exams provide an opportunity to test students of all ability levels from across the nation against one another, along with the benefit of a scholarship opportunity, much like the more familiar National Latin Exam. In the summer of 2015, a survey of teachers participating in the exam provided data on the environment and use of the exams, as well as feedback on a number of issues. This presentation will include data about recent exams, analysis of the survey results, and prompts for discussion about the future of the NGE.

Additionally there will be an update on the Classical Greek Language test offered at the National Junior Classical League convention, and Agon (Greek Certamen), also offered at NJCL. The Classical Greek Language test at NJCL is a newly piloted exam designed for students of all levels to take as part of the academic battery of tests at the National Junior Classical League convention each summer. Finally, Agon or Greek Certamen, is a newly piloted competition that allows a team of students to compete against other teams in the subjects of Hellenic history, Greek mythology, Greek literature and culture, and Greek language. Traditional Certamen is wildly popular in the Junior Classical League; Agon provides a venue for the underserved Hellenists to participate in this type of competition, which has proven to be an effective teaching tool and a “hook” for maintaining student participation and engagement.