FJCL Regional Study Guide – Latin Grammar

N.B. Unlike other tests, 100% of the questions on the Latin Grammar test will be drawn from these study guides.

**Grammar I**

Verbs: three conjugations and the verb *sum*
       six tenses of the indicative, active and passive
       present imperative active, positive
       formation of present infinitive, active; complementary infinitive

Nouns: declensions I, II, and III

Case usage:
       nominative: subject, predicate nominative, predicate adjective
       genitive: possession, objective
       dative: indirect object
       accusative: direct object, place to which and into which and after certain prepositions
       ablative: means, place where, place from which, agent, manner, accompaniment
       vocative: direct address

Adjectives: declensions, I, II, and III

Interrogative Particles: *ne, nonne, num*

Numerals: cardinal and ordinal of 1-10

Reading for comprehension: sight translation

**Grammar II**

All items listed under the Grammar I description and the following:

Verbs: fourth conjugation and *possum*
       present imperative active, negative
       all tenses of the subjunctive, active and passive
       all infinitive forms and uses
       all participial forms and uses except the future passive

Uses of the subjunctive: hortatory, purpose

Nouns: declensions IV and V

Case Uses:
       genitive: description, partitive
       dative: after special adjectives, reference, purpose, double dative
       accusative: subject of infinitive, duration of time, extent of space, adverbial
       ablative: absolute, separation, time, comparison, degree of difference, with *de* and *ex* instead of the partitive genitive, specification, cause, description

Numerals: cardinal and ordinal of 11-20
Pronouns: personal, relative, interrogative, demonstrative (hic, ille, is, idem), reflexive, and intensive

Adjectives: irregular (alter, nullus, neuter, alius, solus, totus, ullus, and uter) and reflexive

Comparison of adjectives and adverbs

Reading for comprehension: Since different schools use a variety of authors and texts for Latin II, the students will not be expected to have studied any particular author. Reading will be on the level of difficulty of the Helvetian campaign in Caesar’s Commentaries.

Advanced Grammar

All items listed under Grammar I and Grammar II will be tested. Additional constructions include but are not limited to the following:
- all gerund and gerundive forms and uses
- all imperative forms and uses
- genitive after certain verbs
- dative after certain compounds, possession, and agent
- predicate accusative
- ablative absolute
- locative
- indefinite pronouns
- deponents
- all independent uses of the subjunctive
- subjunctives in result, indirect command, indirect question, cum clauses, with verbs of fearing
- supine
- all conditions

Students must be thoroughly familiar with all grammar and syntax in standard Latin handbooks such as Allen and Greenough, Bennett, Gildersleeve and Lodge, and Hale and Buck. No literary devices, idioms, scansion, or specific vocabulary will be tested. There will be passage-based questions on a selection of Latin prose.