

PUBLIC SPEAKING - PREPARED

PURPOSE:

To encourage development of the student's ability to organize and present information in a prepared format.

SPECIFICATIONS:

1. The general speech topic will be announced at the beginning of each academic year. The event competition topic will be presented in this manual.
2. All speeches are to be prepared **PRIOR** to the competition appointment time. There is **NO** preparation period provided during the Public Speaking - Prepared competitive event.
3. Preliminary speeches qualify contestants for finals. A list of finalists will be posted one (1) hour prior to the start of the finals. **No** new topic will be provided for the final round. The **SAME** prepared speech will be used for this presentation, but modifications will be acceptable.
4. The length of the speech will be from **four (4) to six (6)** minutes for both the preliminary speeches and the speech finals. The contestants will be allowed the use of personal watches. Time warning signals will not be given during the competition. The first word spoken by the contestant will start the timer.
5. Notes may be used during the speech presentation.
6. A five (5) point penalty shall be assessed for every 15 seconds or fraction thereof over or under the specified time allotted.
7. No props of any kind may be used.

ENTRIES:

The number of entries is based on the annual regional quota.

JUDGING:

Judges will select finalists from each preliminary group to participate in the finals. The topic for the finals will be unchanged and the final speeches will be presented before a different group of judges.

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GENERAL REMINDER:

The topic is based on the State Theme as chosen by the Executive Council. In order to offer a more varied opportunity for expression, three (3) separate speaking topics have been provided by the executive council for use at different functions of the State Association. They are provided below. It should be noted that the annual state topics are always announced prior to the State Career Conference via Executive Council members, any Executive Council reports, editions of the monthly Executive Council Communicator, State Newsletters, Board of Trustees Meetings, etc.

2009-2010 STATE THEME

“NEW YORK DECA: The Sky’s the Limit

Regional

How has DECA taught you to reach for the sky?

State

What role do you see DECA playing in your professional life?

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Competitive Event Rating Sheet - Final

Judging Area	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Points
1. Opening - 15 points (appearance & introduction)	0-4	5-8	9-12	<u>13 - 15</u>	
2. Voice - 10 points (pitch, tempo, volume and enthusiasm)	0-2	3-5	6-8	<u>9-10</u>	
3. Platform Deportment - 10 points (gestures, poise, eye contact, mannerism)	0-2	3-5	6-8	<u>9-10</u>	
4. Organization - 20 pts. (logic, clarity, suitability, and coherence)	0-5	6-10	11-15	<u>16-20</u>	
5. Mechanics - 10 pts. (diction, grammar, word picture & pronunciation)	0-2	3-5	6-8	<u>9-10</u>	
6. Close & Effectiveness - 15 points (summary & conclusion, Was the purpose achieved? i.e. inform, persuade, etc.)	0-4	5-8	9-12	<u>13-15</u>	
7. Content - 20 points (Was the information relevant? Did the information relate to the sub-topic?)	0-5	6-10	11-15	<u>16-20</u>	
8. Time Penalty – record zero if none (5 points per 15 seconds or fraction over or under 4 to 6 minutes)	(-20)	(-15)	(-10)	(-5)	<u> </u>

Make special notation if time penalty exceeds 20 point