Student Speech Contest 2021 Judging Rubric

At the heart of every speech contest is the ability to speak clearly, slowly, but with feeling, to an audience. All participants, regardless of age, will be critiqued with the same judging rubric.

Students will be judged in the following 3 areas: Messaging, Tone, and Quality of Video. Students will be judged on a 1-5 point scale.

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| ***Points:*** | ***1*** | ***2*** | ***3*** | ***4*** | ***5*** |
| **Messaging of the speech** | * The point isn’t clear
* It isn’t persuasive, informative or entertaining
* It’s a mechanical repetition of service learning
* No real-life application
 | * The point is somewhat clear
* It is somewhat persuasive, informative or entertaining
* It is mostly mechanical repetition of service learning
* There is some real-life application.
 | * The point is mostly clear.
* It is mostly persuasive, informative or entertaining
* It doesn’t use mechanical repetition of service learning
* There is real-life application.
 | * The point is very clear.
* It is very persuasive, informative or entertaining
* It doesn’t use mechanical repetition of service learning
* There is real-life application.
 | * The point is exceptionally clear.
* It is exceptionally persuasive, informative or entertaining
* It doesn’t use mechanical repetition of service learning
* There is real-life application.
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| **Tone of the Speech** | * There is no passion.
* The pace is poor.
* The delivery wasn’t smooth or rehearsed
* Speech was entirely read from notes
 | * There is some passion.
* The pace is somewhat poor.
* The delivery is somewhat smooth or rehearsed
* Speech is mostly read from notes.
 | * There is good passion.
* The pace is mostly good.
* The delivery is mostly smooth or rehearsed
* Speech is mostly memorized.
 | * There is good passion.
* The pace is very good.
* The delivery is very smooth or rehearsed
* Speech is memorized with occasional glances at notes.
 | * There is exceptional passion.
* The pace is exceptional.
* The delivery is smooth and rehearsed
* Speech is memorized with occasional glances at notes.
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| **Quality of Video (Environment)** | * Audio is poor
* Visual recording was choppy/unsteady
* There are distractions throughout the video
 | * Audio is somewhat poor
* Visual recording was somewhat choppy/unsteady
* There are some distractions in the video
 | * Audio is good quality.
* Visual recording is mostly smooth/steady
* There are no distractions
 | * Audio is very good quality.
* Visual recording is very smooth/steady
* There are no distractions
 | * Audio is exceptional.
* Visual recording is exceptionally smooth/steady.
* There are no distractions
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