Student Speech Contest 2024 Judging Rubric

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

Students will be judged in the following 3 areas: Relevance to the Prompt, 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*** |
| **Relevance to the Prompt** | * The speech is unrelated to the prompt | * The speech is somewhat related to the prompt * The speech included at least one element related to the prompt | * The speech is mostly related to the prompt * The speech reflected most of the elements of the prompt | * The speech is clearly focused on the prompt * The speech includes all elements of the prompt | * The speech embodies the prompt and shows deep understanding and application of the prompt and all its components * The speech answers all prompts and questions related to the prompt |
| **Messaging & Tone of the speech** | * The point isn’t clear, persuasive, informative, or entertaining * Speech feels mechanical with no passion * Delivery was not smooth and is poorly paced * No real-life application | * The point is somewhat clear, persuasive, informative, or entertaining * Speech feels somewhat mechanical with little passion * Pace and Delivery were somewhat poor * There is some real-life application | * The point is mostly clear, persuasive, informative, or entertaining * Speech doesn’t feel mechanical and has some passion * Pace and Delivery were good * There is real-life application | * The point is very clear, persuasive, informative or entertaining * Speech doesn’t feel mechanical and has good passion * Pace and Delivery were very good * There is real-life application | * The point is exceptionally clear, persuasive, informative or entertaining * Speech doesn’t feel mechanical and has strong passion * Pace and Delivery were exceptional * There is real-life application |
| **Quality of Video (Environment)** | * Audio is poor * Visual recording was choppy/unsteady * There are distractions throughout the video * Video is much longer than 5 minutes | * Audio is somewhat poor * Visual recording was somewhat choppy/unsteady * There are some distractions in the video * Video is close to 5 minutes | * Audio is good quality. * Visual recording is mostly smooth/steady * There are no distractions * Video is 5 minutes or under | * Audio is very good quality. * Visual recording is very smooth/steady * There are no distractions * Video is 5 minutes or under | * Audio is exceptional quality. * Visual recording is very smooth/steady * There are no distractions * Video is 5 minutes or under |