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
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| **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
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| **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
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