

Judges Rating Sheet

School Speech Contest

Judges are requested to grade finalists so that there is **one** first-place winner, **one** second-place winner and **one** third-place winner. Discussion of points by the judges is suggested in breaking any tie. You will be informed by the timer of any penalty points before your final deliberation. This sheet is to be seen by only the judges!

Rate each speaker on a scale of 0 to the maximum number of points in each category.

CONTESTANT NO.										
MATERIAL ORGANIZATION (0-40 pts.)										
Theme and Subject Adherence – 0-10 pts. Is this year’s theme followed? Does speaker stay on topic throughout the entire presentation? Is the material strong or weak? Is time used to best advantage?										
Structure – 0-10 pts. Is speech organized, well-planned and constructed?										
Content – 0-10 pts. Is material adequate, does it have substance?										
Logic – 0-5 pts. Does speech make sense? Does it follow a reasoned pattern?										
Color – 0-5 pts. Does speech appeal to heart as well as mind? Does it have good use of imagery? Does it include examples?										
DELIVERY AND PRESENTATION (0-40 pts.)										
Voice – 0-10 pts. Is there quality and variety of expression (rate, inflection, volume)?										
Pronunciation – 0-5 pts. Are all words spoken correctly?										
Enunciation – 0-5 pts. Are all words clear - not mumbled or distorted? Please overlook impediments.										
Gestures – 0-10 pts. Does the control and use of the body, while speaking, add/detract to the speech?										
Poise – 0-10 pts. Is the speaker confident, relaxed, convincing, maintaining composure and in control of situation?										
OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS (0-20 pts.)										
Impression – 0-10 pts. Did the speech make an impression in minds of listeners (arouse a response)? Was a conversational tone used to talk to instead of at?										
Effect – 0-10 pts. Did the speaker communicate to audience what the speech was to accomplish (i.e. inform, persuade, appeal, move)? Did the speaker make a point and convince the audience?										
Penalty Points										
TOTALS (100 possible points)										

Top contestant numbers: _____, _____, _____