



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Event Specifications

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SCOPE OF CONTEST

The contestant will make a verbal five to six minute presentation on their choice of three subjects. The presentation will be judged on the content and quality of the written material and the delivery of that material to the audience.

Subjects:

- **Ocean Pollution**
- **Internet Fame**
- **Capital Punishment**

NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

Individual event, limited to 16 competitors.

Fresno ROP reserves the right to modify enrollment due to limited spaces available.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Contestant's written production will be the result of their own efforts. It is expected that they will take advantage of all available training facilities in their local school in developing their speaking and writing ability. Facts and working data may be secured from any source.
2. Contestants are required to supply the following:
 - A signed statement of originality
 - One typed copy of the verbal presentation
3. A contestant who is not present at the time of drawing for speaking order shall not be eligible for the competition.
4. Each speech shall be a minimum of five (5) minutes in length and a maximum of six (6) minutes. Each contestant will be allowed one to two (1-2) minutes additional time in which he/she will be asked questions relating to his/her speech.

5. Contestants shall draw for places on the program. The program chairperson shall then introduce each contestant by name, in the order of the drawing. A contestant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deduction in scoring may be made for this practice, if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation. Applause shall be withheld until all contestants have spoken.
6. Two timekeepers shall be designated and will record the time used by each contestant in delivering their speech, noting under time and overtime, if any, for which deduction should be made. Timekeepers should be sitting together.

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Prior to the contest, the judges will be furnished with a copy of the contest rules and a typed copy of the contestant's verbal presentation, which they will read and grade on content and composition, recording their judgment on a score sheet.
2. At the time of the contest, the judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the contest is held. They will score each contestant upon delivery of their production, using the score sheet provided.
3. When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total their score on composition and delivery of each contestant. The timekeeper's record will be used in computing the final score for each contestant.
4. The judges' ranking on each contestant shall be added by the event manager and the winner shall be the contestant whose total points are the highest. Other placing shall be determined in the same manner (low points score method of selection). In case of a tie, that individual who has the highest grand total score shall have prior rating.
5. Deductions of 20 points per minute, or major fraction thereof, will be made from the score of each judge for speeches fewer than five (5) minutes or over six (6) minutes in length. (To prevent being penalized, a contestant must speak for over five (5) minutes, 30 seconds and under six (6) minutes, 30 seconds.)

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

1. Supplied by the contestant:
 - a. Signed statement of originality
 - b. One typed copy of the verbal presentation
2. Supplied by the Career Skills Challenge:
 - a. All judging materials

DRESS CODE

Contestants may appear in any appropriate attire.

Statement of Originality Form

I, _____
Print Name

from _____
School District School Site

acknowledge, that the materials I am presenting in this Public Speaking event is of my own original composition.

Student Signature Date

CAREER SKILLS CHALLENGE

SCORE SHEET

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Competitor Name

Code

Please rank each competitor from first to sixth place. (Ties for sixth only, circle one.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
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Competitors performance ranking (Ties okay, circle one.)

Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair
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Please rate speaker points in accordance with criteria (One is lowest, five is highest.)

5 = Superior 4 = excellent 3 = good 2 = fair 1 = unprepared

Delivery	
Organization	
Preparation/Memory	
Knowledge of Topic	
Use of Sources	
Time	
TOTAL	

Comments

Please distribute evaluation copies to:

Contestant
White

Event Manager
Yellow