

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

Students author and deliver a ten-minute speech on a topic of their choosing. Competitors create the speech to educate the audience on a particular topic. Because the goal is to educate, not to advocate, all topics must be informative in nature. A maximum of 150 directly quoted words is allowed in the speech. Informative Speaking competitors craft a speech using evidence, logic, and optional visual aids. If used, the student is expected to set up visual aids in an expedient manner. Students cannot use electronic equipment or any banned material (guns, controlled substances, etc.) as a visual aid, nor can they use live animals or another person. Visual aids should contribute to the audience's understanding, emphasize information, and provide a creative outlet that augments the content of the Informative speech. The speech is delivered from memory.

Time: 10 minute maximum, including introduction (30 second grace); no minimum

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Developing
Thesis: Clarity, timeliness, importance					
Organization and structure					
Evidence and sourcing					
Articulate and fluent delivery					
Facial expression, gestures, movement					
Eye contact, engagement of audience					
Poise, confidence					
Visual aids, if used, enhance the presentation					

WRITE COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS BELOW AND ON THE OTHER SIDE:

Please be sure to include BOTH praise and constructive suggestions.

Title: _____

Speaker Code: _____

Round (circle): 1 2 3 semi final

Time Elapsed: _____

Time Violation? Yes

Rank (1 is best): _____

Speaker Points: (80-85 – Fair | 86-90 – Good | 91-95 – Excellent | 96-100 – Superior)

Points: _____

Judge School: _____

Judge Signature: _____

Judge Code: _____