



Virtual Speech

Purpose: To encourage Public Service students to improve their skills in speaking and their abilities in organizing and presenting facts or information about a topic related to a specific theme using a virtual format.

Description of Event: Competitors shall develop a speech related to the career path they have chosen. It must be in the Criminal Justice, Firefighter, or Teaching Assistant.

Limit: 1 student per chapter.

Dress Code: Appropriate dress to include business attire, chapter uniform or other attire appropriate for the competition.

Rules:

1. To be eligible for the competition a student must be enrolled in a secondary public service education program or a program completer as recognized by Florida Department of Education.
2. All competitors shall speak on a topic related to their career field and approved by their chapter advisor.
3. Students will prepare a speech 3 to 5 minutes in length.
4. The time penalty shall be three (3) points for each 15 seconds or greater fraction thereof for speeches under 3 minutes or over 5 minutes.
5. The speech will be recorded for the student by the chapter advisor or designee.
6. The speech should be edited to add materials related to the topic. For example, charts, graphs, graphics, or anything else to add to the content of the speech. Points will be awarded for creativity.
7. The speech will be submitted to the state office by a time specified by the state director.
8. Contestants shall indicate their name and school in the file name. Example, fpsa_student_high_school
9. Should a tie occur within a section, judges will use scores on rating sheet section(s) with the highest point value(s) in descending order, to break the tie.

Required Personnel:

One Judge

Facilities and Equipment:

Hand calculator(s)

Rating Sheets for the Judges



Virtual Speech Scoring Guidelines

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Each competency will receive points as valued by the Judge(s). A competitor's total score may vary based on the procedure(s) selected. Only a one time-penalty shall be deducted from the total score by the Judges. The time penalty shall be 3 points for each 15 seconds or greater fraction thereof for speeches under three (3) minutes or over five (5) minutes in length.

Student Name _____ Final Score _____
 School Name _____
 Judge's Name _____ Judge's Signature _____

Points Values

Excellent =16-20

Superior =11-15

Good =6-10

Poor = 0-5

Content

Skill	Score
1 Content appropriate to their career field	_____
2 Accurate information	_____
3 Coverage of topic selected	_____
Total	_____

Organization

Skill	Score
1 Opening	_____
2 Closing	_____
3 Cohesion of body of speech	_____
Total	_____

Delivery

Skill	Score
1 Voice (pitch, tempo, quality)	_____
2 Diction	_____
3 Grammar	_____
4 Pronunciation	_____
Total	_____

Presentation

Skill	Score
1 Dress and appearance	_____
2 Graphics	_____
3 Transitions and editing	_____

Total points

	260 possible
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Judge's Winner Sheet

1st Place School _____
Student _____

2nd Place School _____
Student _____

3rd Place School _____
Student _____

4th Place School _____
Student _____

5th Place School _____
Student _____