

# EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

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## PURPOSE

The FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event is designed to develop the ability of all FFA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its context in advance; therefore, causing FFA members to formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited amount of time.

## COMMON CORE REFERENCES

### **7th Grade**

**CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1a** Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

### **8th Grade**

**CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.8.8** Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced.

### **9th-10th Grade**

**CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.4** Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.

### **11th-12th Grade**

**CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.11-12.3** Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.

## EVENT RULES

### I. *Eligibility*

- 1 Participants who will compete in the state contest must qualify through a district contest. The **Top 3** contestants will qualify for the state competition.

The Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event will be held during the State FFA Convention.

- 2 The participants will be in official FFA dress.

## II. *Subjects*

- 1 The selection of topics shall be held 30 minutes before the career development event. The participants will draw three specific topics relating to the industry of agriculture. After selecting the topic they desire to speak on, all three topics will be returned to the original group of topics areas prior to the next drawing.
- 2 Topics shall be prepared by the chairman of the career development event. Topics will cover the following categories.
  - A. Agriscience and technology
  - B. Agrimarketing and International agricultural relations
  - C. Food and fiber systems
  - D. Urban agriculture
- 3 Participants will draw to determine the order of speaking. Participants will be admitted to the preparation room at 15 minutes intervals and given exactly 30 minutes for topic selection and preparation.
- 4 Reference material will be screened by the officials in charge of the event
  - A. shall be limited to five items
  - B. Must be printed material such as books or magazines and/or a compilation of collected materials. To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder of collected materials may contain no more than 100 single-sided pages or 50 double-sided pages. This cannot be notes or speeches prepared by another person for the purpose of use for this event. Copies must reference the origination point and all pages must be numbered.
  - C. Participants may have up to 10 mins to conduct online research. Computers or iPad may be provided. Access to email, Dropbox or any prepared materials are prohibited. A room monitor will be the official timekeeper for each contestant's technology time. The use of prepared notes or speeches even if accessed with technology time is prohibited and will be grounds for disqualification.
- 5 Each speech shall be the result of the participant's own effort using approved reference material which the participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Uniform note cards will be provided and must be used by each participant. Any notes for speaking must be made during the 30 minute preparation period.
- 6 A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the beginning of the event.
- 7 Any assistance given to a member from any outside source will be sufficient cause to eliminate a contestant. Advisors/Teachers and coaches are not permitted to assist their students.

### III. *Time Limit*

Each speech shall not be less than four or more than six minutes in length, with five minutes allowed for related questions to be asked by the judges. The chairman of the event shall introduce the participant by name and chapter, and the participant may introduce his/her speech by title only. Participants will be penalized one point per second on each judge's score sheet for being over six minutes or under four minutes. Time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep a record of their time. No time warnings will be given by event officials or observers.

### IV. *Method of Selecting a winner*

- 1 An event chairman will be designated by the state staff.
- 2 Participants shall draw for places on the program. The program chairman shall then call each participant by name and in order of the drawing. A participant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation. Applause shall be withheld until all participants have spoken.
- 3 A timekeeper shall be designated who will record the time used by each participant in delivering his/her speech, noting under time or overtime, if any, for which deductions should be made.
- 4 Three competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the career development event. At least one judge should have an agricultural background.
- 5 At the time of the career development event, the judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the event is held. They will score each participant upon the delivery of the production, using the score sheet provided.
- 6 Each judge shall formulate and ask questions. Questions shall pertain directly to the speaker's subject. Questions containing two or more parts should be avoided. Judges will score each participant on the ability to answer all questions asked by all judges. The full five minutes should be used. After the allotted time for questions has elapsed, the timekeeper will say "time." After "time" is called, the speaker who may be answering a question, or a judge who may be asking a question should stop answering or asking the question immediately.
- 7 When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will total the score on each participant. The timekeeper's record will be used in computing the final score for each participant. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to the Event Chairman to determine the final ratings of participants.

- 8 Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judges' ranking of each participant then shall be added and the winner will be that participant whose total of rankings is the lowest. Other placings shall be determined in the same manner (low point score method of selection). In case of a tie, that individual who has the highest grand total score shall have prior rating.

### **Scoring Content and Composition**

Oral Communication – 600 points

Examples - 50 points

Speaking without hesitation – 50 points

Tone – 50 points

Being detailed-oriented – 150 points

Connecting and articulating facts and issues – 150 points

Speaking unrehearsed (questions & answers) - 150 points

Non-verbal Communication – 400 points

Attention (eye contact) – 100 points

Mannerisms – 100 points

Gestures – 100 points

Well poised – 100 points

Details of scoring content available on rubric

**NOTE: Judges should meet prior to the event to prepare and clarify the questions to be asked.**