

# Regional Competition 9A Change Form

**Contest: Extemporaneous Speaking**

**Competition Date: March 4, 2025**

**Chairperson: Phyllis Lares**

**Contest Site: Alfred Campus**

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*Topic selected at the beginning of the contest based upon materials in the SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook.*

Items Evaluated	Possible Points	Explanatory Notes
SkillsUSA Knowledge Test		Used as tiebreaker
<b>Opening</b> (Introduction)	15	The student makes a strong and effective formal introduction that clearly identifies the scope of the speech.
<b>Voice</b> (pitch, tempo, volume, enthusiasm)	10	The student uses a variety of verbal techniques. (Examples: modulation of voice, change of volume, varied inflection, modifying tempo, and verbal enthusiasm.)
<b>Platform Deportment</b> Self-control, Poise, Confidence, Professional Effective delivery style (gestures, eye contact, mannerisms)	10	The student is extremely well-poised and confident. The student demonstrates self-control, as well as, an effective and pleasant delivery style including gestures, eye contact and mannerisms. The speech is delivered in a professional manner.
<b>Organization</b> (logic, clarity, coherence)	20	The speech is clearly tied to the topic and organized in a coherent and logical manner.
<b>Mechanics</b> (diction, grammar, pronunciation, word pictures)	10	The student speaks clearly, using excellent grammar, and word pictures.
<b>Closing</b> (summary, conclusion)	15	The closing provides a clear and solid conclusion and summary of the speech.
<b>Effectiveness</b> (assigned topic covered: purpose: impress, inform, persuade)	20	In the body of the speech, the primary points are communicated in a compact and complete manner. The assigned topic is communicated clearly and effectively. The student exhibits excellent use of verbal illustrations.
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	100	
<b>TIME PENALTY</b> (Maximum penalty of -50 points.)		Speech is to be 3-5 minutes in length. Minus 5 points for each fraction of 30 seconds under 3 minutes or over 5 minutes.
<b>IDENTIFICATION PENALTY</b> (Maximum penalty of -25 points.)		The contestants will not mention their name, school, city, or state. A five-point penalty will be assessed for each occurrence.
<b>Clothing Penalty</b> (Maximum penalty of -10 points)		<b>Students must follow the Skills USA Dress Code and demonstrate good grooming and personal hygiene.</b> <b>Assessed by the chairperson.</b>
<b>Other penalties</b>	optional	

**Supplied by chair:** Copy of selected speech topic, blank index cards, Leadership Handbook, Webster's Dictionary, Thesaurus, pens, or pencils; table and chair in prep room.

**Contestants bring:** SkillsUSA attire, as described in the SkillsUSA Championship rules. You can wear the NYS SkillsUSA official jacket. Note: Phones, iPads, or any similar electronic devices are not permitted in the preparation room, as a reference tool or otherwise.

**Students arriving with cell phones will be asked to put them in a designated area until after all the contestants have competed.**

- Official dress will strictly be adhered to.
- A stopwatch will be used to time speech: time cards will be flashed by judges.
- A debriefing will be held after the last contestant has performed.
- Speaker stands or lecterns will not be provided.
- Contestants may **not** take outlines, notes, or reference materials into the prep room. Contestants can only take the index cards from the prep room into the presentation room.
- Speaker will be in a private room with judges. No observers allowed.
- The SkillsUSA knowledge test given at the vocational center prior to the contest and scores brought to check in by your advisor will be used as tiebreakers.