

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 |
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| SkillsUSA Knowledge Test | | Used as tiebreaker |
| Opening (Introduction) | 15 | The student makes a strong and effective formal introduction that clearly identifies the scope of the speech. |
| Voice (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.) |
| Platform Deportment 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. |
| Organization (logic, clarity, coherence) | 20 | The speech is clearly tied to the topic and organized in a coherent and logical manner. |
| Mechanics (diction, grammar, pronunciation, word pictures) | 10 | The student speaks clearly, using excellent grammar, and word pictures. |
| Closing (summary, conclusion) | 15 | The closing provides a clear and solid conclusion and summary of the speech. |
| Effectiveness (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. |
| SUBTOTAL | 100 | |
| TIME PENALTY (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. |
| IDENTIFICATION PENALTY (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. |
| Clothing Penalty (Maximum penalty of -10 points) | | Students must follow the Skills USA Dress Code and demonstrate good grooming and personal hygiene. Assessed by the chairperson. |
| Other penalties | 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.