

Extemporaneous Speaking

Description

The NYC SkillsUSA Extemporaneous Speaking contest is developed to evaluate each competitor's ability to give a speech on an assigned topic with a minimum of advance preparation

Clothing Requirements

- NYC SkillsUSA T-Shirt
- Black Dress Slacks (accompanied by black dress socks or black or skin-tone seamless hose) or black dress skirt (knee-length, accompanied by black or skin-tone seamless hose).
- Black leather shoes that are not backless or open toe

Equipment and Materials

1. Supplied by NYC chair/committee:

- a. Reference materials: SkillsUSA Framework Fundamentals Cards and SkillsUSA Member Handbook
- b. Blank 3"x5" cards
- c. Copies of selected speech topic
- d. Timing devices
- e. Timecards
- f. Pencil or pen

2. Supplied by contestant:

- a. All competitors must create a one-page resume.

Scope of the Competition

This competition evaluates each competitor's ability to give a speech on an assigned topic with a minimum of advance preparation. A three- to-five minute speech will be delivered with a preparation time of five minutes.

1. The technical committee will select a speech topic based upon material in the SkillsUSA Framework Fundamentals Cards and SkillsUSA Member Handbook. All competitors will be assigned the same topic.
2. Competitors will enter the preparation room, where they will be given a topic for their speech. Competitors will have five minutes to develop and organize the content of their speech. During preparation time, competitors may consult reference materials supplied in the preparation room and may make notes on 3"x5" cards for use during the speech.
3. Competitors may not take any outlines, notes or reference materials into the preparation room.
4. The speech shall be at least three minutes in length but shall not exceed five

minutes.

Penalty: Five points will be deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof under three minutes, or for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over five minutes.

5. Time limit: Time will be started when the speech begins. The timekeeper will signal the speaker at three minutes, four minutes and five minutes. Competitors will be permitted to use a watch or clock.
6. Competitors will not mention their name, school, city or state at any time in the presentation room. A five-point penalty will be assessed for each occurrence.

STANDARDS AND COMPETENCIES

1. Design and organize a speech that meets the topical and time requirements as outlined by the technical committee

- 1.1. Prepare a speech on a leadership topic that lasts three to five minutes in length
- 1.2. Organize speech in a logical and coherent manner

2. Deliver the speech in a professional manner meeting the standards outlined by the technical committee

- 2.1. Make an effective introduction to the presentation that clearly identifies the scope of the speech
- 2.2. Demonstrate an effective and pleasing delivery style
- 2.3. Effectively use verbal illustrations and examples
- 2.4. Pronounce words in a clear and understandable manner
- 2.5. Use a variety of verbal techniques, including modulation of voice, changing volume, varied inflection, modifying tempo and verbal enthusiasm
- 2.6. Demonstrate poise and self-control while presenting
- 2.7. Demonstrate good presence and personal confidence
- 2.8. In the body of your speech communicate the primary points of the speech in a compact and complete manner
- 2.9. Tie organizational elements together with an effective ending /closing
- 2.10. Complete the speech within the time limits set by competition requirements

3. Wear appropriate clothing for the state competition

- 3.1. Wear clothing that meets NYS standards for competition

4. SkillsUSA Framework

The SkillsUSA Framework is used to pinpoint the Essential Elements found in Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics. Students will be expected to display or explain how they used some of these Essential Elements. Please reference the graphic above, as you may be scored on specific elements applied to your project. For more, visit: www.skillsusa.org/about/skillsusa-framework/.