

ARTICLE XVII
Expository Address

Section 1. Entries. Each school will be entitled to enter from one to three contestants in the District Contest.

Section 2. Selections/Materials. This contest will include only expository speeches actually written by the contestants. The speech will be on any subject appropriate for platform presentation. Notes not to exceed fifty (50) words may be used, but the speech must not be read. These notes must be given to the judging chair at the conclusion of the speech. This is a speaking area not an acting area. Expository Address can be persuasive or entertaining but must be informative.

Section 3. Length. The speech will be limited to six minutes, including both comments and delivery.

Section 4. Preparation and Presentation.

Clause 1. The contestant will be permitted to use audio and/or visual aids. These aids will be provided by the contestant and will be of an expository nature that will enhance the response of the audience to the speech. The audio and/or visual equipment may be operated by another student, not to be part of the presentation, and must not be wearing identifiable school apparel.

Clause 2. The contest will provide a projection surface and a small table.

Clause 3. At no time will the visual aid be the reason for the speech, but rather the visual aid will be subordinate to the general purpose of the speech.

Section 5. Timing. The Local Manager will appoint a timekeeper who will use a timing device and indicate with timing cards the time as it elapses. At the end of the first minute of the speech, a five will be held up, at the end of the second minute a four will be held up and so on down the scale of numbers - 3, 2, 1, 1/2 and 0. At the end of six minutes, the timekeeper will rise and say STOP. The speaker must stop at once, or be subject to the penalty of disqualification. (Article III, Section 6, By-Laws.)

Section 6. Judging. The rating of the judges will be based equally on content and delivery. The judge will automatically give a Division IV if the contestant uses more than 50 words in notes during the presentation. A district officer will not need to be contacted before awarding the Division IV for the misuse of notes, but notes must be attached to the official ballot sent to the contest office.

CASEBOOK

Questions - Answers

1. Q. What method of presentation should a student use for Expository Address?
A. The matter is a choice of the student; however, the student should choose that method of presentation assuring maximum communication effectiveness in relation to the audience, subject or person.
2. Q. May a contestant wear clothing which complements the speech - a tennis dress for a speech on tennis, for instance?
A. Yes.
3. Q. Is the student required to use a visual and/or audio aid in Expository Address?
A. No.
4. Q. Should the Contest Manager provide audio-visual equipment for Expository Address?
A. Yes, but only those listed in Section 4.
5. Q. Are numbers or hyphenated words considered more than one word?
A. No, they are considered one word. Examples: 1976, matter-of-fact.

6. Q. Are articles such as “a, an, and the”, abbreviations, and acronyms considered to be one word?
A. Yes, each abbreviation and acronym count as one word as do the articles “a, an, and the.”
7. Q. May live animals (including human models) be used in this category?
A. No.
8. Q. May another student operate audio-visual equipment, which must be provided by the contestant?
A. Yes. The audio-visual equipment may be operated by another student who is not to wear identifiable school apparel.
9. Q. May recorded media be used as an audio-visual aid?
A. Yes, as long as it is used to enhance the speech.
10. Q. May a speaker provide handouts to the audience before, during or after the speech?
A. Yes.
11. Q. Are outline signposts (e. I. A. I. a.) considered words?
A. No.
12. Q. Whose responsibility is technology compatibility? (i.e.: LCD projector)
A. Technology compatibility is the responsibility of the contestant -- NOT the contest host school.
13. Q. Will Power Point slides be considered in the 50-word limit?
A. No, but excessive dependence on the slides may invite a lower rating.
14. Q. May students read from electronic sources other than note cards? Ie – Kindle, iPad, laptop, etc.
A. Yes, electronic notes / sources maybe used.