

ORATORY

The art of effective written, and oral presentation to persuade or inform. (This is not a dramatic presentation.)

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Only one (1) speech is to be presented, and it must not exceed five (5) minutes.
2. The selection of the speech is the decision of the contestant; it should be an original piece written by the contestant.
3. The speech is not to be presented as a dramatic presentation.
4. Costumes and props are not permitted.
5. The material must be completely memorized.

Contestants will be judged by the following criteria:

- Delivery (25)
 - Speech Clarity
 - Diction
 - Pronunciation
 - Enunciation
 - Gestures
 - Emphasis
 - Memorization
 - Tempo
 - Time
- Interpretation (25)

- Content
- Subject Adherence
- Theme
- Logic and Color
- Emotion/Connection
- Platform Presence (25)
 - Poise
 - Appeal
 - Impression
 - Attitude and Effect
 - Audience Engagement
- Projection (25)
 - Voice
 - Emphasis
 - Tone
 - Pitch
 - Volume