



JUNIOR EXPOSITORY RULES

An **Expository speech** is an original prepared speech written by the competitor which explains and illustrates a topic through both words and visuals.

1. The competitor may prepare a speech on any topic with the purpose of informing, entertaining, inspiring, or persuading.
2. A maximum of 30% of the speech may be directly quoted from outside sources.
3. The student must memorize the speech, delivering the script as it is written.
4. If sources are used, they should be cited within the body of the speech. No citation page is required.
5. Props, audio, or visual aids may be used. All types of visual aids are allowed except live animals and weapons of any kind.
6. All visual aid support will be supplied by the competitor.
7. Costumes are allowed but must be put on and taken off during the course of the speech.
8. Students will have two (2) minutes to set up their visual aids before speaking. Students must independently complete all the setup and breakdown of their visual aids.
9. Nothing may be distributed to the judges or audience members.
10. Audience members and/or judges may not be aids or active participants in the speech.
11. Only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
12. During the presentation, the timepiece must face the competitor and count up.
13. The speaker should state his topic early in the speech.
14. Maximum speaking time is five (5) minutes. However, no student will be penalized for going over the suggested time. There is no minimum time requirement.

Speaking Time: Five (5) Minutes