



JUNIOR PLATFORM RULES

A **Platform speech** is an original prepared speech written by the competitor on any topic.

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. No props, audio, or visual aids may be used.
6. Only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
7. During the presentation, the timepiece must face the competitor and count up.
8. The speaker should state his topic early in the speech.
9. 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

No Minimum Speaking Time