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Official Description of Expository

WHAT ARE “PUBLIC ADDRESS” SPEECH EVENTS?

Public address speeches are individual events in which the competitor chooses a topic that meets the event’s criteria, writes an original speech, memorizes it, and then presents it within the allowable time frame.

WHAT IS AN EXPOSITORY SPEECH?

An expository is a public address speech event in which the competitor writes and presents a speech which explains or “exposes” a topic, usually with the help of visual aids. The speech must be an original work by the student, scripted word for word, and memorized.

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of an expository speech is to inform but it may also persuade, entertain, or fulfill any other function. The goal is to develop a winsome, polished, speaker who can present a creative, well organized speech while efficiently employing visual aids or props.

SPEECH STRUCTURE

An expository speech can be on any topic of interest. It must have an identifiable structure, including three or four main points, sub-points, an introduction and a conclusion. The audience should be provided with new information and/or a fresh approach to the topic.

TIME LIMIT

Time begins when the speaker begins speaking and ends when the speaker has finished speaking. Maximum speech length for varsity competitors is 10 minutes total, with a 15-second overtime grace period. There is no minimum time requirement.

GUIDELINES

Specific to this event:

- The competitor may use visual aids.
- No more than five boards and/or five props may be used. (Speakers may use both sides of the boards.)
- Presentations that use boards must begin and end with a blank board.
- Props may not include electronic or electrical devices.
- An easel will be provided for boards. All other equipment for the speech must be provided by the competitor.
- The competitor must set up his/her own props without any assistance.
- The two-minute judges’ evaluation time offered between each speech will be shared by competitors for the purposes of setup and teardown. The first speaker in the room has approximately two minutes for setup.
- Any special clothing related to the speech may only be put on and taken off, or displayed and hidden during the course of the speech.
- The speaking area must be left in the same condition as it was prior to the speech.
- Use of weapons, explosives, or incendiary devices is prohibited.
- Nothing may be distributed or offered to the judges or audience members.
- People and live animals may not be used as aides in the speech.
- Copyrighted expository images must also be cited on the final citation page.
- A maximum of 30% of the speech may consist of quoted material.



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As for all CCofSE “Public Address” speech events:

- Only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
- The use of facial expression, vocal variety and appropriate gestures is encouraged.
- Physical movement, such as taking steps while speaking, should be limited to the center of the presentation space.
- Humor and satire are permitted. Vulgarity, racial slurs and inappropriate humor are not allowed.
- Memorization of the student's original work is required. No scripts, notes, or prompting are allowed.
- The delivery of the speech should be enthusiastic, direct, sincere, and communicative, using good vocal variety, clear enunciation, fluency, and appealing to the interests of the audience.
- All directly quoted and/or paraphrased material must be properly cited in the speech.
- Use of a speech from any prior year is prohibited.
- The student must provide a typed copy of the speech to the Tournament Registrar upon arriving at the tournament. See script submission.

