

Public Speaking

Public Speaking is:

- ✓ Writing and delivering a persuasive, entertaining, informational or inspiring speech on a given topic.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Public Speaking Ages 7-9	1	Optional - if enhancing the speech	2-10 minutes	Optional	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Public Speaking Age 10-13	1	Optional - if enhancing the speech	2-10 minutes	Optional	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Public Speaking Ages 14-18	1	Optional - if enhancing the speech	5-15 minutes	Optional	Yes	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- No equipment is needed for this category.

Rules:

1. Topic selection is unlimited. The speech may pose a problem, offer a solution, strengthen devotion to a cause, eulogize a person, entertain, or inform.
2. Endorsement of brand names is discouraged.
3. You must present your presentation in person.
4. The judge will serve as timekeeper.
5. No digital media presentation allowed. They should be entered under the Digital Media Presentations.
6. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
7. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.

Resources: (Can be found at the K-State bookstore or ask your local office)

- Kansas 4-H Public Speaking Guide, Publication 4H983
- Kansas 4-H Preparing and Using Visual Aids, Publication 4H985



Kansas 4-H Public Speaking Scoresheet

Name _____ Age: Junior (7-9) | Intermediate (10-13) | Senior (14-18)

Club _____ Start Time: _____ | End Time: _____

Extension Unit _____

Title _____

Speech Contest Form	Percent	Judge's Comments
Material • Introduction	15	
Organization	25	
Language and voice	10	
Fluency	15	
Pronunciation and articulation	10	
Eye contact and projection	15	
Appearance	10	

Final Rating:

Penalty: _____ Exceeds Time (30 Second Grace Period) = Reduction by One Ribbon

Top Purple

Alternate Purple

Purple

Blue

Red

White

Judge's Initials: _____

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