

## Public Speaking Rubric

	<u>Blue Ribbon</u>	<u>Red Ribbon</u>	<u>Yellow Ribbon</u>
<b>Time Length</b>	1-3 minutes	0:30-0:59	<0:30

<b>Speech Format</b>	Intro/body/conclusion Very well organized	No intro or conclusion Somewhat organized	No intro or conclusion Little organization
<b>Use of Language</b>	Vivid, descriptive, good enunciation, good use of grammar Avoid "ums", "ers" & "likes" Good volume	Somewhat descriptive Some good grammar Few "ums" , "ers" & "likes" Good volume	Language confuses audience Many "ums", "ers", "likes"  Softer voice
<b>Body Language</b>	Relaxed, gestures, good posture Consistent eye contact	Few gestures, Fairly consistent Eye contact	No gestures, Little eye contact
<b>Preparation</b>	Very well prepared	Somewhat prepared	Little preparation
<b>Information</b>	Accurate info, up-to-date	Good information	Some good info
<b>Effect on audience</b>	Kept audience attention	Audience somewhat attentive	Audience less attentive/bored

Speech Topic:

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**There will be a County Wide 4-H Speech Contest on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Southside Baptist Church.**

**The contest is open to anyone in 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades.**

Premium Money

4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grades      8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

1<sup>st</sup> - \$35

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2<sup>nd</sup> - \$30

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3<sup>rd</sup> - \$25

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5<sup>th</sup> - \$15

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Recommended Length for speech

Grade 4

1 - 2 minutes

Grade 5

2 - 3 minutes

Grades 6-8

3 - 5 minutes

Grades 9-12

no more than 7 min.

Participation Award receives \$5.

**Want help preparing? We will do an afterschool workshop on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Bring your speech! We will start at 3:00 and you must have a ride at school to pick you up at 3:30. Call 684-5971 with any questions. There is no cost to the workshop.**

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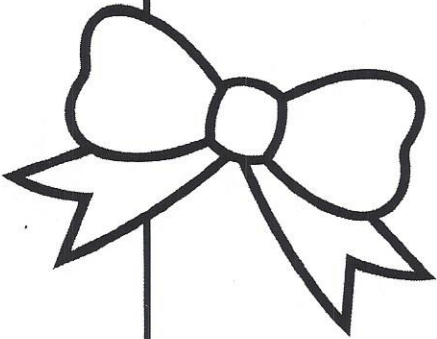
Introduction:

Main Idea #1
Supporting Details

Main Idea #2
Supporting Details

Main Idea #3
Supporting Details

Conclusion:



# How to Present a Great Speech.

**Voice:** Your voice is a great tool in communication. What you have to say is important so you want the audience to hear you.

1. Speak up – Don't shout at the audience, but use a "big" voice
2. Speak at a slower pace
3. Work on word pronunciation
4. Be confident
5. Be natural & relaxed

**Eye Contact:** This can make a huge difference in the audience interest in what you say.

1. Maintain eye contact with the audience. Focus at looking at the audience throughout your speech.
2. Try not to stare at an object in the back of the room.
3. Look for your friends in the audience, but don't forget about everyone else.

**Posture:** How you stand during your speech is important. You want to appear confident & interested in your speech.

1. Stand up tall, hold your notes at chest height, not in front of your face.
2. You can walk while presenting your speech.

**Gestures & Expressions:** Expressions are a powerful addition to any speech. But BEWARE: they can also be a distraction.

1. Use hand gestures that are natural to you.
2. Hold your notes in your hands, but try to avoid "playing" with them.
3. Smile! Look happy & excited about your speech.

**Write it out.** Don't read your speech, but do have it written out in front of you on note cards or on paper. You don't have to memorize your speech.

**"Ums and Ahs":** Try to avoid using "um" & "ah". This is best done by practicing your speech and being sure of what you're saying. The more you practice, the better your speech will be.

**Practice, Practice, Practice:** You can't practice too much: Give your speech in front of anyone who will listen: parents, brothers, sisters, neighbors, friends, dogs, cats, fish, to yourself in the mirror. Be prepared.

