

Informative Speaking

Contestant's Name _____ Code Number _____

Selection _____ Time: _____

Rank _____ Rating (circle one): 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 (10 High to 1 Low)

Judge's Signature _____ Judge's Code # _____ School _____

Criteria marked + are positive factors in my decision.

Criteria marked — are negative factors in my decision

1. The speaker should use his introduction to establish ethos, introduce the topic, and make the central theme clear.
2. The speaker should be addressing a relatively current issue.
3. Organization should be a logical expression of ideas.
4. The speech should contain specific supporting data.
5. The speaker should exhibit effective use of language in the choice of words and phrasing.
6. When speaking from memory, the contestant's presentation should be natural.
7. Articulation, enunciation, and vocal quality should enhance communication.
8. The speaker should demonstrate vocal variety:
 - a. pace or rate should demonstrate vocal variety.
 - b. pauses should be used to indicate organization and for dramatic emphasis.
 - c. pitch should be varied.
 - d. tone should vary in relation to content.
9. Gestures should be used to enhance meaning.
10. Facial expression and eye contact should be natural, appropriate, and aid communication.
11. The speaker should be poised but enthusiastic.
12. Appearance should be pleasant and not distracting.
13. Neither the speaker's delivery nor the content of the speech should overshadow the other; both are significant parts of the total performance.

Specific comments begin below and continue on reverse side.