

Explanation of Judge's Score Sheet

Speeches are judged on 8 separate qualities with a maximum of 5 points given for each characteristic. In scoring, it may be helpful to consider the descriptions below for each score:

1. Beginning
2. Developing
3. Satisfactory
4. Maturing
5. Strong

Judges should start with the assumption that a student begins his or presentation with a 3 or Satisfactory on each judging categories. As the speech proceeds, the judge will score each category higher or lower based on the performance.

In general, the following descriptions apply to each ranking:

Beginning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May require some prompting Little to no eye contact—looks down or stares straight ahead May be difficult to understand or hear the presentation Little or no emphasis of words, expression, or punctuation Does not demonstrate an appreciation for or understanding of the selection
Developing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires little prompting Little eye contact—may look at the judges, but not the audience May sound detached or monotone with little emphasis or variation; may appear stiff May not demonstrate an appreciation for or understanding of the selection
Satisfactory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No prompting required; the selection has been memorized Speech is clear and understandable Maintains eye contact with judges and audience Some variety of emphasis and voice inflection observed; may or may not use gestures for emphasis.
Maturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly knows and demonstrates understanding of the piece Maintains good eye contact with the judges and audience Presentation flows well with natural emphasis and variety of voice inflection Speaker is comfortable and natural; gestures are natural and not forced.
Strong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent memory and delivery of the selection Excellent eye contact with judges and audience Speaker fully embraces the meaning and spirit of the selection Voice, body stance, gestures demonstrate the speaker “owns” the selection

A maximum of 40 points can be earned on the scoring sheet. However, points are deducted for failure to follow all directions regarding introductions and/or explanations. Please read the scoring sheet carefully to be sure that deductions are made correctly. A maximum of 2 or 5 points may be deducted, depending on the category.

Official Speech Meet Judge's Score Sheet

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Judge's Initials _____

Category: ___ Bible Memory ___ Poetry
 ___ Dramatic Interpretation ___ Patriotic Recitation

Title of Selection _____

Bible Version (for Bible Memory only) _____

JUDGE'S DIRECTIONS

1. Evaluate the speech to the best of your ability. Consider the grade level of the child.
2. Place a check on the line at the point suitable to the performance.
3. Be sure to score each of the eight areas. Total the points to arrive at the final score. Check that you are not more than 10 points apart from other judges; make adjustments if you are.

Beginning = 1 Developing = 2 Satisfactory = 3 Maturing = 4 Strong = 5

A. Overall Effectiveness / Meaning (Maximum 15 points possible)	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1. Natural Presentation: All effort in the presentation is appropriate to the spirit of the selection.						
2. Variety: The student has effective timing, pitch, and emphasis for communicating the meaning of the selection.						
3. Characterization: The student puts life into the selection using facial, vocal, and body expression.						
B. Voice and Speech (Maximum 15 points possible)	1	2	3	4	5	Total
4. The student is clearly audible.						
5. The student has clear and effective enunciation and pronunciation.						
6. The student shows an easy flow of language that is free of noticeable interruptions due to forgetfulness and/or prompting.						
C. Platform Presence (Maximum 10 points)	1	2	3	4	5	Total
7. The student shows poise in stance, voice, and facial expression.						
8. The student has eye contact with the audience.						

Judge's Comments:

Total Presentation Points _____

Penalties

1. Failure to provide the required introduction (deduct 2 points max)

Bible Memory:	Bible reference.		
Poetry:	Title. Author.		
Dramatic Interpretation:	Title. Author OR state where material is from.		
Patriotic Address:	Title. Author.		

Total Penalty Points _____

Final Presentation Score = _____

RATING SCALE Superior 40–35 Excellent 34–29 Good 28-18

Student Participation Form (for the RMRCCS Speech Meet)

School _____ Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Coordinator _____

Coordinator's E-mail _____

Mail to _____

_____ x \$5 = \$ _____

Number of Entries

Amount per Entry

Total Enclosed
(Payable to ACA)