

Okeechobee Soil and Water Conservation District

Local Speech Contest

ELIGIBILITY

Contest is open to public, private, parochial or home school students from 6th through 12th grade in Okeechobee County.

A signed entry/release form is also required.

Provided enough participation, the District contest may be divided into two categories (6-8 & 9-12) with the highest overall scoring students from each category advancing to Area Contests.

CONTEST RULES

Contest Topic: "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life"

Speeches must be original, not previously used, and created by the contestant. Notes may be used while speaking, but audio and visual aids of any form are not permitted.

Winner of the local competition will be entered in an area competition (multi-District), and may then advance to the State competition. Highest scoring Area winner will advance to the State competition. Contestant may not wear attire that identifies them with any organization (e.g., FFA, 4-H, school logos).

Time Limit: Speeches must be **five** to **seven** minutes in length. Time under or over these limits, respectively, will result in two points deducted for each 15 second increment or part thereof.

Judging : A standard score sheet will be used for all contestants. Three judges and one time keeper will be used at District, Area, and State competitions. Judges should be experienced in public speaking and should not be elected District supervisors or staff. Judges will score entries based on the following criteria:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
CONTENT	Relevance to the given topic	10
	Treatment (material used and accuracy of statements)	20
	Originality (subject matter and treatment)	20
	Total Content Points	50
COMPOSITION	Organization, cohesiveness, grammar, style	10
	Total Composition Points	10
DELIVERY	Voice (enunciation, modulation)	10
	Personal Appearance (neatness, posture)	10
	Communicative Expertise (sincerity, ability to convey thought and meaning)	10
	Stage Presence (gestures, visual contact)	10
	Total Delivery Points	40
	Total Possible Points	100

Oralspeeches will be presented on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 in the UF/IFAS Extension Service ConferenceRoom

**Note to Teachers: Participation in this event would directly relate to Sunshine Standards, Language Arts, LA.C.3.4.1 and LA.C.3.4.2.*