

North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

JUDGE: _____ **TITLE:** _____ **DATE:** _____ **GRADE: 7 8**

*Students and judges should be informed of the judging criteria before the contest begins.

*Perfect Score = 100 points (Total of CONTENT + SPEAKING SKILLS)

*Infractions: Outside the 4-6 minute time limit: minus 5 points

Use of visual aids: minus 5 points

Gives personal identification: minus 5 points

*A timekeeper will inform the judges of the contestants' official time.

CONTENT CRITERIA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A. COMPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT (20 Points) <i>Good choice of material, makes sense, factual, accurate, quotes are correct and appropriate, shows understanding of material, relevant to Soil and Water Conservation Contest theme</i>								
B. ORGANIZATION (15 Points) <i>Presented in meaningful order, shows continuity of ideas, uses orderly flow of thoughts, uses good transitions between thoughts</i>								
C. ORIGINALITY (5) Points <i>Creative approach and effective use of material</i>								
D. SKILLFUL USE OF FACTS, EXAMPLES, DESCRIPTIONS AND ANALOGIES (10 Points) <i>Elements of the speech flow together well and contribute to the quality of the presentation. Facts, examples, descriptions and analogies add to the quality of the presented message</i>								
CONTENT SUB-TOTAL								

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SPEAKING SKILLS CRITERIA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A. VOICE AND DICTION (15 Points) <i>Quality and variety (not monotone), inflection, enunciation, pronunciation, proper emphasis, projection and control, appropriate volume</i>								
B. STYLE (20 Points) <i>Rapport with the audience, word selection, no distracting vocal mannerisms, appealing presentation</i>								
C. BODY LANGUAGE (15 Points) <i>Eye contact, posture and poise, hand gestures used with restraint and good taste</i>								
SPEAKING SKILLS SUB-TOTAL								
STUDENT'S OFFICIAL TIME <i>(must be within 4-6 minutes)</i>								
FINAL SCORING SECTION								
CONTENT SUB-TOTAL								
+ SPEAKING SKILLS SUB-TOTAL								
= TOTAL								
- INFRACTIONS (if any, subtract points)								
= FINAL TOTAL								