

Oratorical Contest Rules

- Entry Form must be submitted by the deadline.
- Student must perform a form of oration in the category of essay, speech, or poem.
- The essay, speech, or poem may be original (written by the contestant) or taken from another source with the author cited.
- Quotations or copyrighted materials used in the oration must be identified with the original author's name.
- **Song or musical performance is not eligible.**
- Presentations must be recited from memory (notes are not allowed and if used, student will be disqualified).
- Maximum time – 3 minutes – enforced.
- No coaching, costumes, props, or special effects are allowed.
- Adult supervision of student is mandatory.
- All decisions of the judges are final.
- Participants must arrive no later than 10:30am on the day of the event (January 18) to check-in and arrive instructions.