

Informative Rules (ages 14-18 as of Oct. 1st)

A 10 minute speech sharing new or interesting information.

Students will compete in 2 rounds of Informative. Those with the best scores will move on to finals (3rd round).

1. The competitor may prepare a speech on any topic.
2. The speech must be an original work written by the competitor.
3. Any information that comes from source material must be cited orally within the speech (and on a citation page at the end of the script).
4. A maximum of 30% of the speech may consist of directly quoted material.
5. The speech must be memorized and delivered as written. The competitor may not use a copy of the speech while speaking.
6. Competitors must bring a typed paper copy of the Informative script including a citation page with them to the tournament.
7. Students may not reuse Informative topics in subsequent years of competition.
8. The competitor should focus eye contact on the judges, not the audience.
9. The maximum speaking time is 10 minutes. There is no minimum time requirement.
10. The competitor must show a personal timer (set at 00:00) to the judges before starting the speech and after turning off the timer at the end of the speech. The competitor will start the timer at the beginning of the speech and place the timer on a judge's table/desk facing the competitor. When finished with the speech, the competitor will stop the timer, announce the time, and show the time displayed.
11. A competitor will be ranked one place lower by the judge for going overtime by 15 seconds or more.
12. Students may not listen to other Informative competitors speaking before them in a round.