



## **AFCD – ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS RULES FOR 2019 DISTRICT, AREA AND STATE SPEECH CONTESTS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Contest is open to public, private, parochial or home school students from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in \_\_\_\_\_ county.

Provide a typewritten speech, double spaced on 8.5" x 11" inch white paper, with 1" margin. Use standard font, no greater than 12 point type. Include a cover page with contestants' name, speech title, parent or guardian's name, email address, home address, telephone number, and school name. A signed release form is also required.

Speech must be hand-delivered or mailed to \_\_\_\_\_, or faxed to by (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

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 – "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper"**

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.

Contestants must not give their name or introduce themselves by name as part of their speech. Contestants will be introduced as "Contestant number one, Contestant number two" and so on forth. While Judges are finalizing the scores, students will be introduced and asked to give personal information.

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 a minimum of 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 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
	<b>Total Content Points</b>	<b>50</b>
COMPOSITION	Organization, cohesiveness, grammar, style	10
	<b>Total Composition Points</b>	<b>10</b>
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
	<b>Total Delivery Points</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Possible Points</b>		<b>100</b>
Oral speeches will be presented on _____ at _____.		

*\*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.*