

February 2009

Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event  
Delaware FFA State Convention

Event Rules and Format:

- ❖ Students will compete as individuals; each school may submit 2 members for competition. (A total of 4 can be submitted- two Junior (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade) and 2 Senior (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). ONLY SENIORS compete for National Convention.
- ❖ Students MUST be in official dress: FFA jacket, scarf/tie, white collared shirt, black pants or skirt.
- ❖ Selection of topics will be held 30 minutes before the event
- ❖ Students will be given three topics to choose from and then must select one of the three; topics will cover the 4 following areas 1. Agriscience and Technology, 2. Agrimarketing and international agricultural relations, 3. Food and Fiber systems and 4. Urban Agriculture.
- ❖ Students will be given 30 minutes to prepare their speech
- ❖ Students should speak for no more than 4 minutes and no less than 6. They will be penalized for being under or over time.
- ❖ Students are permitted to use the notes they make during their 30 minute prep time but are encouraged not to read directly from them. NO OTHER NOTES MAY BE USED!
- ❖ After the student is finished each judge may ask questions related to the student's topic.
- ❖ Score card used by nationals is the same score card used at the state level!

Materials:

- ❖ Students must bring two #2 pencils
- ❖ Students may bring a clock or stopwatch to keep time
- ❖ Students may bring up to 5 items to use as reference materials
  - TO be counted as one item, a notebook or folder of collected materials can be no more than 100 pages (single sided) or 50 (double sided). Students can also use books or magazines, but each will count as one item. Materials may not have notes or parts of speeches written.
- ❖ Index cards will be provided
- ❖ Cell phones are NOT permitted in the CDE event area.

\*for complete information about each activity, please refer to the National FFA Career Development Events Handbook-