

2016-2017 EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH STUDENT UPDATE

GENERAL:

- Follow all guidelines, including time limits
- Write your speech based on the topic below

SPEECH TOPIC: You will be given a topic related to the SkillsUSA competition theme of the year.

The SkillsUSA competition theme for the 2016-2017 year is

SkillsUSA: Champions at Work Preparing America's Skilled Workforce

RATING INFORMATION:

You will be graded on the following criteria:

Opening-Appearance: Professional dress, Entering and Leaving Area, etc.
Opening-Introduction: Audience "hook"...background information
Voice: Is there a focus and support for your ideas? Is your speech representative of a certain audience/voice?
Platform Department: Command of the area, Stage presence, are you loud enough?
Organization: Do you have a thesis that is supported with at least three ideas? Do these ideas have examples?
Mechanics: Proper English, no slang
Closing: Do you conclude by wrapping everything up? Do you leave the audience with a thought? ("Do you have any questions?" is NOT a conclusion)
Effectiveness of speech: Creativity, powerful thoughts, persuasive ideas that are well communicated