

Extemporaneous Writing Competitor Orientation



IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPETITOR TO KNOW AND FOLLOW THE EVENT GUIDELINES AND [TEXAS HOSA GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS](#).

FOR COMPLETE GUIDELINES, REFER TO WWW.HOSA.ORG

FOR TEXAS HOSA AREA SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, THE COMPETITOR WILL PROVIDE

- Photo ID
- Electronic device on battery power and with a USB port. The device should contain a typing program of the competitor's choosing that can be accessed without internet use.

COMPETITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Competitors will report to the event room at the time designated in the conference schedule.
- Competitors must provide any items listed in the "Competitors Must Provide" box found above.
- **See below for differences in event process from the ILC event guidelines**

EVENT PROCESS – REFER TO THE EXTEMPORANEOUS WRITING ILC EVENT GUIDELINES AT WWW.HOSA.ORG

- **DIFFERENCES IN EVENT PROCESS IN TEXAS FROM THE ILC EVENT GUIDELINES**
 - Competitors will report with an **electronic device containing a USB port** that operates on battery power. **Electricity is NOT provided and CANNOT be used.**
 - Devices without a USB port (such as cloud-based writing media or devices such as Chromebooks) will not be able to save the essay to a HOSA flash drive, therefore, cannot be used.
 - **Internet use is NOT provided at the area conferences and is not allowed due to the difficulty of obtaining reliable internet connections at the various high schools, therefore, a typing program of the competitor's choosing that can be accessed without internet use must be installed on the computer** (Microsoft Word, Text, etc.)
 - Spell-check, grammar check, and Thesaurus may be used if available on computer, and can be accessed without internet use.
 - Sixty (60) minutes are given to write the essay.
 - At the end of 60 minutes, competitors will be given five (5) additional minutes to save the essay to a flash drive provided by Texas HOSA, place the flash drive in the student labeled envelope, and turn in to event personnel
 - Flash drives with saved essays will be sealed and submitted in a labeled envelope provided by Texas HOSA.
 - Essays will be printed and submitted to the judges.

TEXAS HOSA ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

- While competitors can have their cell phones, smart watches, etc with them, they must be in the off position and stored with their personal items. The competitor may not touch the devices at any time during the event. There will be consequences for doing so. Be sure to turn off your devices and put them away before entering the room.

Click [HERE](#) for the Texas HOSA General Rules & Regulations (TxGRRs)