

Speaking Skills Middle School 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

2023- 2024 TOPIC: “DARE TO CREATE”

ELIGIBILITY – To participate in this event, the competitor must meet all the following requirements:

- The competitor **MUST** be classified under the provision of the 2004 reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Students classified under Section 504 are **NOT** eligible to compete in this event.
- Submit a completed [IEP VERIFICATION AND ACCOMMODATION FORM](#) by the area spring leadership conference registration deadline. [This form](#) also allows the competitor to request accommodation. To learn the definition of an accommodation, please read [Appendix H](#) found at www.hosa.org.
 - **Failure to upload the form by the State spring leadership conference registration deadline will result in the following penalty -The competitor will be allowed to compete but cannot advance to the next level.**

FOR TEXAS HOSA STATE SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, THE COMPETITOR MUST PROVIDE

- [IEP VERIFICATION AND ACCOMMODATION FORM](#) by the STATE spring leadership conference registration deadline
- Photo ID - [Photo IDs](#) will be checked. The photo ID may be the actual ID, a digital picture of the actual ID, or a signed copy of the HOSA Competitor Identification Form (available on the International HOSA website)

COMPETITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Competitors will report to the event room no more than 15 minutes before their appointment time.
- Competitors must provide any items listed in the “Competitors Must Provide” box found in the event guidelines.
- The [IEP VERIFICATION AND ACCOMMODATION FORM](#) should be uploaded by the deadline.
- **Failure to upload this form will result in**
 - **The competitor can still compete but will not be allowed to advance to the next level of competition. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - Texas HOSA **STRONGLY** suggests not waiting until the last minute to upload online to avoid user-challenges with the system.

EVENT PROCESS – REFER TO THE SPEAKING SKILLS EVENT GUIDELINES AT WWW.HOSA.ORG

- **DIFFERENCE IN EVENT PROCESS IN TEXAS FROM THE ILC EVENT GUIDELINES**
 - Deadline date to upload [IEP Verification and Accommodation Form](#) for the STATE spring leadership competition is the Texas HOSA State Conference Registration deadline and not May 15 (ILC deadline).

APPOINTMENT TIMES

- **There will be no holding room for this event.** An appointment time will be assigned to each competitor and will be posted **in hard copy outside of Competitive Event Headquarters.**

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.
EXCEPTION: USE OF CELL PHONE FOR ELECTRONIC NOTE CARDS.