

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

TOPIC: “BEYOND ALL LIMITS”

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 state conference registration deadline.
- Completion of the above form requires an upload of the [Student Eligibility Form](#). **Do not upload the IEP, only the Eligibility Form.**
 - To learn the definition of an accommodation, please read [Appendix H](#) found at www.hosa.org.
 - **Failure to upload the form by the area/state conference registration deadline will result in a deduction of 35 points. This deduction will be made in Tabulations.**
- **UPLOAD LINK DIFFERENT FROM ILC EVENT GUIDELINES**
 - The upload link for the Texas HOSA State Leadership Conference is different from the link found in the ILC guidelines. Use this [Wufoo link](#) for the Texas State Leadership Conference. For the ILC, use the link found in the guidelines for ILC.

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 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 on the Conference App.

FOR TEXAS HOSA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, THE COMPETITOR MUST PROVIDE

- IEP Verification and Accommodation Form digitally submitted via the Texas HOSA Wufoo link by the State Leadership Conference registration deadline.
- [Photo ID](#)

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 using the given Wufoo link. **THIS FORM IS NOT UPLOADED TO TALLO.**
 - **Failure to upload by the deadline will result in a deduction of 35 points. This deduction will be made in Tabulations. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - Texas HOSA **STRONGLY** suggests not waiting until the last minute to upload online to avoid user-challenges with the system.

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.