

# AFCD – ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

## FCDEA RULES FOR 2017 DISTRICT, AREA AND STATE SPEECH CONTESTS

### ELIGIBILITY

Contest is open to public, private, parochial or home school students from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in Area II of Florida, [www.afcd.us](http://www.afcd.us)

Provide a typewritten speech, double spaced on 8.5" x 11" inch white paper, with 1" margin. Use standard font, no greater than 12 point type. Include a cover page with contestants' name, speech title, parent or guardian's name, email address, home address, telephone number, and school name. A signed release form is also required.

Speech must be mailed or emailed to Duval Soil and Water Conservation District, 260 US 301 North, Baldwin, FL, 32234 OR [sblankinship@gmail.com](mailto:sblankinship@gmail.com), by April 14, 2017.

The District contest may be divided into two categories (6-8 & 9-12) with the highest overall scoring students from each category advancing to Area Contests.

### CONTEST RULES

#### Contest Topic – "HEALTHY SOILS ARE FULL OF LIFE"

Speeches must be original, not previously used, and created by the contestant. Notes may be used while speaking, but audio and visual aids of any form are not permitted.

Winner of the local competition will be entered in an area competition (multi District), and may then advance to the State competition. Highest scoring Area winner will advance to the State competition. Contestant may not wear attire that identifies them with any organization (e.g., FFA, 4-H, school logos).

**Time Limit** – Speeches must be a minimum of five to seven minutes in length. Time under or over these limits, respectively, will result in two points deducted for each 15 second increment or part thereof.

**Judging** – A standard score sheet will be used for all contestants. Three judges and one time keeper will be used at district, area, and state competitions. Judges should be experienced in public speaking and should not be elected supervisors or staff. Judges will score entries based on the following criteria:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
CONTENT	Relevance to the given topic	10
	Treatment (material used and accuracy of statements)	20
	Originality (subject matter and treatment)	20
	<b>Total Content Points</b>	<b>50</b>
COMPOSITION	Organization, cohesiveness, grammar, style	10
	<b>Total Composition Points</b>	<b>10</b>
DELIVERY	Voice (enunciation, modulation)	10
	Personal Appearance (neatness, posture)	10
	Communicative Expertise (sincerity, ability to convey thought and meaning)	10
	Stage Presence (gestures, visual contact)	10
	<b>Total Delivery Points</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>100</b>

Oral speeches will be presented on April 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Riverside North, 2711 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, FL, 32204.

*\*Note to Teachers: Participation in this event would directly relate to Sunshine Standards, Language Arts, LA.C.3.4.1 and LA.C.3.4.2.*