

# PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST GUIDELINES

## Youth Expo 2015

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- Individual contestants will develop and present a prepared speech. Each speech must be focused on the

*Expo Theme: Dream: Discover the Rewards of Educating & Advancing Minds*

Open to all students 9-18 years of age.

- The top three contestants in each age group (9-12, 13-15 and 16-18) will be awarded.

### RULES

1. Each parish may enter two (2) contestants per age group.
2. Contestants are expected to research and write their own speeches.
3. A contestant's speech must be 5-7 minutes in length. A penalty will be assessed for presentations that do not meet the time requirement. The penalty will be three points for each 30-second block above or below the limit.
4. **A PUBLIC SPEECH IS JUST TALKING! No visual aids or props can be used. A speech can be informative or persuasive, but should not simply entertain. Public speaking requires careful planning and effective delivery. There should be a clear and concise theme / thesis and understandable points to follow.**

**Family & Youth Expo Theme:**

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