



PROGRAM LOGISTICS

- All students presenting a speech receive a participation certificate. (**REMINDER:** There are different [certificates](#) for each grade level).
- 4th grade students may receive an “[I SPOKE UP!](#)” clear-clip decal if the school or teacher so desires. The decals must be ordered by calling (606-5204) or emailing Tracy Tesdall (ttesdall@ufl.edu).
- Each classroom selects a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place speaker. These students also receive ribbons.
- The classroom winner(s) advances to the school contest. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place speakers at the school contest receive medallions. A 4th place Honorable Mention Medallion is available. Cost is \$3.50 (this medallion is locally produced). If you are interested in this additional recognition symbol, please call (606-5204) or email Tracy Tesdall (ttesdall@ufl.edu).
- 4th and 5th grade classroom winners compete with each other. One school winner will be selected to represent the school at the county contest. 6th grade classroom winners compete amongst each other. One school winner will be selected to represent the school at the county contest. Plaques (1st-4th) will be awarded to county winners at the elementary and 6th grade levels.
- For the sixth year in a row, plans are in the works to offer a “district” speaking contest. This could include up to 7 nearby counties. Our 1st Place County Winners would compete against other 1st Place County Winners.
- In addition to the overall speech winners at the county contest, speeches will also be categorized according to the type of speech and awards will be given to the BEST speech in each category. The categories of speeches are:
 - To INFORM** (explains, teaches, gives facts)
 - To PERSUADE** (gain support, convince)
 - To INSPIRE** (stirs emotions, emotional impact)
 - To ENTERTAIN/HUMOROUS** (makes you laugh)
- In order to encourage more original, unique and creative topic selection for speeches, a **MOST ORIGINAL TOPIC** trophy will also be awarded at the County Contest.

