



PA FFA Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event



Chairperson Information

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Contest Date/Times-	Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
Contest Location	Penn State University – Campus Location TBD
CDE Review Time	Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
CDE Review Location	Penn State University – Campus Location TBD

Basic LDE Guidelines

Event Type: Individual	# of Team Members: NA
<u>Individual Materials List</u> • Speech Note Cards – If needed.	<u>Group Materials List</u> • N/A
<u>Attire</u> • Official Dress	<u>CDE At-A-Glance (List of major components)</u> • Submission of PDF manuscript by May 1st • Presentation of Prepared Speech • Response to Judge Questions

Pre-State LDE Expectations

- Students must qualify at the Regional Level to compete in the State Prepared Public Speaking LDE.
- Students are encouraged to have speeches memorized.
- **By May 1, all manuscripts must be uploaded to the Google Form provided <https://forms.gle/JfcasHB4HDC1cBDq7>**
- All speech manuscripts must be in PDF format, or they will NOT be able to be uploaded to the Google Form.
- Manuscripts turned in after May 1st will receive a 20-point deduction on the manuscript score card. All manuscripts received after May 15th will receive a zero on the manuscript score card.
- **Senior Prepared Public Speaking is a one-day event as of 2023, members may be registered for an additional two-day CDE event or leadership workshop for Wednesday. Please let the chair of this event know upon arrival that you are participating in another CDE.**

CDE Changes from Previous Years?

1. Each region may submit up to four prepared speech participants. Participants could have competed in the Sr. Prepared Speech or Conservation Speech categories at the Regional Level. Each region is responsible for determining regional selection.
2. Each region may submit to the Google Form an alternate speech participant. This participant will not be allowed to participate at the State Convention unless a qualified speaker drops from the contest.
3. Final round will now start at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday in a location TBD.

Contest Procedures

Regional Qualification:

4. Each region may submit up to four prepared speech participants. Participants could have competed in the Sr. Prepared Speech or Conservation Speech categories at the Regional Level. Each region is responsible for determining regional selection.
5. Each region may submit to the Google Form an alternate speech participant. This participant will not be allowed to participate at the State Convention unless a qualified speaker drops from the contest.

Manuscripts:

1. All 16 state-level manuscripts will be judged by one qualified judge prior to activities week, and those scores will be provided to judges as each speaker presents their speech.
2. The National FFA's manuscript rubric posted on the paffa.org website will be used.
3. Please refer to the National FFA for additional manuscript guidelines.
4. The cover page must contain the following information: **Speech Title, Participant's Name, Chapter, Region, State, and Year. Each piece of information should appear on a separate line on the cover page. Statement of Authenticity is not required for the State LDE.**
5. Use of a running header that includes a partial speech title is encouraged, but not required.

Presentation:

1. Each participant will be evaluated by at least two judges using the National FFA scoring rubric (2026).
2. Each speaker may receive judge feedback forms at the conclusion of the contest.
3. The winner of the Final Round will compete at The National FFA Convention, and 2nd place goes to The Big E. The top three places receive gold certificates.

LDE Rules

LDE Component	Points	Component Description
Manuscript	200	<p>The written manuscript of the speech will be judged for APA format and grammatical, spelling, and content errors prior to the State Convention. Manuscript formatting can be found on the state website.</p> <p>*A 20-point deduction will be given to LATE manuscripts.</p>
Oral & Non-Verbal Communication	500	<p>The oral & nonverbal communication portion of the contest will consist of the following: supporting evidence, persuasive use of evidence, pace, command of audience, eye contact, mannerisms and gestures and poise. Rubrics can be found on the state FFA website.</p>
Response to Questions	300	<p>Participants will be asked questions about the content of the speech and will be judged on the following: speaking unrehearsed and demonstration of the topic knowledge. Rubrics can be found on the state FFA website.</p>

Point Deductions:

Manuscript Deductions: There will be a 20-point manuscript deduction for late manuscripts.

All manuscripts submitted after May 15th will receive a zero manuscript score.

Time Deductions: There will be a one point per second deduction over 8 minutes and under 6 minutes.

Tie-breaker: At judges' discretion. State event chairs will encourage judges to use Oral Communication scores as the first tie-breaker, then Response to Questions scores.

Resources

Pennsylvania FFA Website: www.paffa.org

Figures of Speech DVD—<http://shop.ffa.org/figures-of-speech-dvd-p37895.aspx>

Great Speeches and Presentations—<http://shop.ffa.org/great-speeches-andpresentations-p37634.aspx> CDE

Q&A's DVD (2007-2010)—<http://shop.ffa.org/cde-qas-c1413.aspx>

FFA Learn—2005 & 2006 CDE Q&A's—<https://ffa.learn.com/learncenter.asp>

APA Style Guide (most current edition) – www.apastyle.org

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