

OCEANetwork Homeschool Speech Contest Guidelines

September 30: Deadline to register and reserve your spot in the speech contest.

November 1: Deadline for submission of your speech contest video.

Who can participate in the OCEANetwork Homeschool Speech Contest?

The speech contest is for grades 4-12. The contest is open to students in Oregon who have been educated at home in an independent homeschool in accordance with state homeschool laws. Students who live out of state or who are enrolled in a public school, private school, or charter school are not eligible to participate.

What should each speech contest video include?

Learning to present information clearly and thoughtfully is an important life skill. It's also an essential part of communicating with others and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your speech should be an informative / expository speech. Your speech should give facts and details about a real-life topic. This can be in the form of a **demonstration** (a how-to demo with physical props, such as how to make a cake, how to brush a dog, etc.) or **illustrative** (informative speech explaining facts about a topic and including visual aids such as poster board display or props)

You can go to the [speech contest page](#) to find printable copies of speech guides appropriate for your grade category to help you prepare for and practice your speech before recording it. These guides were generously provided by Tammy Arp of [Beaverton Homeschool Debate and Speech Club](#).

Note that, in order to be included in the speech contest, **all presentations must be appropriate for all ages to view and must not violate biblical principles**. If you are unsure if your project topic is suitable, please email meyers@oceanetwork.com to discuss.

Please make sure that your video also meets these guidelines:

- Videos should be horizontal / landscape with appropriate framing so that we can see the student and all the props and visual aids clearly.
- Please be sure audio is adequate without excessive background noise or muffling.
- Similarly, try to provide an uncluttered background (excluding visual aids) for the video.

- PowerPoint or digital images are permitted as a visual aid for part of the speech if you wish, but be sure that incorporation into the video presentation is seamless and high quality.

How do I submit my speech?

Register by September 30th to participate in the speech contest. (\$5 non-refundable student registration fee required.) The confirmation email will include a link to the form where you will submit your speech video. Speech videos are due by November 1 at the latest. Videos must be in mp4 or mp3 format. No additional documents need to be submitted.

How will the speech contest submissions be evaluated?

The speeches will be evaluated based on the speech guides provided by Beaverton Homeschool Debate and Speech Club, which you can download from the main speech contest page.

Who do I contact if I have questions or problems?

If you have any questions or run into issues with your speech video submission, please contact Tauna at meyers@oceanetwork.org. We're happy to help and hope you have a wonderful speech contest experience!