

ACADEMIC DECATHLON & CAREER FAIR SPEECH PROMPT AND GUIDELINES

Grades 7 – 12

What are the best ways to stop bullying?

States the issue and your position on it clearly in the introduction. Be awareness of the audience (speech judges), voice, and purpose (persuasive). Support your position with facts, statistics, and reasons. Give credit to sources within the speech. Answer possible objections to your position. Show clear reasoning with the use of a persuasive tone. Concludes with a summary of your position or a call to action/clinchier.

GUIDELINES

Students will compete against others by grade level.

- 1st Place – Gold Medal
- 2nd Place – Silver Medal
- 3rd Place – Bronze Medal

Student Requirements

- all students must participate
- speech prepared and practiced prior to arrival
- notecards or complete text allowed
- minimum length of speech is 2 minutes 30 seconds; maximum length of speech is 3 minutes (time will be projected on back wall and points deducted if over or under)

Judging by Grade Levels

- 3 judges for each grade level
- Using same scoring rubric provided to teachers and students prior to event

Round 1 - 10 students with the highest scores advance to Round 2

Round 2 – a new set of judges determines 3 medal winners based on highest scores, score from Round 1 rubric is not part of calculating score for Round 2