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2024-2025

DISTRICT RALLY

INFORMATION BOOKLET

(For Speech Events)

District Speech & Drama Competition – March 7, 2025
District Literary Competition – March 15, 2025
State Rally Competition – April 12, 2025



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Important District and State Rally Dates

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| November 15, 2024 | School Coordinators Meeting at LSU Eunice 10:30-12:30 |
| December 4, 2024 | Deadline to submit entry forms and dues for LSUE District Rally |
| December 2, 2024 | Deadline to submit State Rally dues |
| December 13, 2024 | Deadline to submit District Contestant Entry forms for all competitions |
| January 27, 2025 | Deadline to complete online State Rally registration form |
| March 7, 2025 | LSU Eunice District Speech and Drama Rally |
| March 15, 2025 | District Literary Rally |
| April 12, 2025 | State Rally at LSU in Baton Rouge |



SPEECH RALLY
Rules & Events
Friday, March 7, 2025

TIME: 8:00 a.m. Welcome
8:15 a.m. Drawing begins for Extemporaneous Speaking
8:30 a.m. Original Oratory and Interpretive Reading begins
9:00 a.m. Extemporaneous Speaking begins

PLACE: Health Technology Auditorium, Room 102

Speech Events: District Information

General Information

2024-2025

1. Students participating in the Speech Rally do not need to be enrolled in a speech class or club.
2. Students can participate in more than one district rally event (Speech, Drama and/or Literary).
3. Students may only participate in **ONE** speech event during district rally. Speech events that are offered are: Extemporaneous Speaking, Interpretive Reading and Original Oratory.
4. Headquarters and hospitality rooms for the high school coordinators and chaperones will be in the Mumphrey Center (formally Acadian Center) in room 122.
5. All contestants are to report to the Health Technology Building Auditorium (room 102) for a brief welcome at 8:00am. Afterwards, they will be dismissed to go to their designated location at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled times.
6. Extemporaneous speaking competitors are released from the draw room in 5-minute intervals, and the next competitor waits outside the door until it is his/her turn to speak.
7. **Students participating in either the Interpretive Reading or the Original Oratory must present a copy of the manuscript to each of the judges before speaking. Please come prepared with 3 copies of the manuscript.**
8. State scoring instruments and ratings will be used for District competition.
9. Results of the contest will be posted in the Mumphrey Center approximately one hour after all the judges have turned in their results. Students who earn a Superior or Excellent rating will be given a certificate. Each high school rally coordinator will receive the results for their students via email. Judges' comments may be made available upon request from a school coordinator.
10. A one-time LSU Eunice fee exemption scholarship in the amount of \$100 and a t-shirt will be awarded to each student receiving a "Superior" rating.
11. Students who earn a "**Superior**" rating at a District Rally Speech competition qualify for State Rally Speech Events.

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Speech Events General Information 2023-2024

Check-in for all State Rally Speech Events will take place on LSU's campus in 136 Coates Hall at 8:00 a.m. Once Speech Events participants check in at 136 Coates Hall, they will be assigned a specific performance time slot and location.

1. All contestants must report to the designated location (TBA) at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled time*.
2. Results of the contest will be posted outside the designated location approximately one hour after all the judges have turned in their results. At that time, written critiques of the speeches will be given to the speakers or given to the State Rally office so they can be forwarded to the speakers.
3. In the individual events, only qualified contestants from member schools are allowed**.
4. All contestants are expected to remain in the contest room until the completion of the entire contest in each event unless a prior excuse has been approved by the judge(s).
5. Principals, coaches, and contestants are urged to study the State Rally Speech Regulations below for the events in which they enter.
6. Persons other than contestants in the event will NOT be permitted in the drawing or contest rooms.
7. Ratings are as follows:
 - Superior – 5 points
 - Excellent – 4 points
 - Good – 3 points
 - Average – 2 points
 - Fair – 1 point
8. AWARDS: Superior-rated students will be awarded gold medals and certificates.
Excellent-rated students will be awarded silver medals and certificates.

Speech Events Offered at State Rally

Extemporaneous Speaking
Interpretive Reading
Original Oratory
Dramatic Duo

Qualifications for Entry

Only students who have earned a "Superior" rating at a District Rally Speech competition or who have qualified to compete in the Louisiana High School Speech League Tournament of Champions may qualify for State Rally Speech events. Officials of the various Speech contests at the district and regional levels in the state will certify to the State Rally Director the results of such contests.

For State Rally, all entries must be completed and submitted online at www.lshra.org by March 8, 2024. Absolutely no changes or additions will be accepted or made after this date.

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Extemporaneous Speaking

Time Limit: 5 – 7 minutes; Students will be penalized for failure to meet this time requirement.

Selections: The essential requirement of this contest is that the speaker presents a brief informative talk on a current topic in an informal, conversational manner. Contestants prepare themselves for this event by extensive reading on topics of current state, national, and international importance during a period of about three months before the date of the State Rally.

Method of Presentation: The contest is conducted as follows:

(1) thirty minutes before the contestant is scheduled to speak, the contestant will draw three topics from a "hat," then select one topic of most interest to him/her, discarding the other two.

(2) The contestant then has thirty minutes to review the research materials they have brought. During this thirty-minute period, contestants will prepare the speech and rehearse it appropriately. Only the contestants themselves are allowed in the drawing room. The contestant may use personal electronic devices such as a cellphone, tablet or laptop during this time period to review research materials. Internet connection is permitted, and instructions to access LSU's wireless internet will be posted in the Speech Events registration area and draw room.

(3) The contestant cannot leave the drawing room until instructed to go to the speaking room.

(4) Speakers will then present their completed speeches (in the same order as they drew topics) in a common room with the judge present. Speakers may use notes and other aids if those do not interfere with the effectiveness of the speech and its delivery.

Interpretive Reading

Time Limit: Students will be *penalized at least one rating point for exceeding eight minutes*. Informal introductory remarks preceding the reading are considered a part of the selection and will be timed.

Selections: It is suggested that the reading be selected from good literature with which the student has already been made familiar in their English classes. Serious and humorous selections are equally suitable, but those selections, which present extreme or unwholesome emotions or encourage self-display should be avoided. The selection need not be the same as that used in the qualifying event.

Method of Presentation: Selections may be presented from memory or from a book or manuscript.

Manuscript: A copy of the reading selection must be attached as a PDF or MS Word document to the State Rally Registration no later than March 8, 2024. The copy must include the contestant's name, school name, and school division, as well as the name of the author(s) of the selection used.

Original Oratory

Time Limit: 6 – 8 minutes; students will be penalized for failure to meet this time requirement.

Selections: The oration must be strictly original from the student. No more than 200 quoted words will be permitted. Students must orally cite their sources in their speech. Plagiarism will disqualify the student from competing in the contest. Students are urged to select timely topics on current affairs. They should be discouraged from attempting to speak on abstract subjects. Organization should be carefully planned. The language should be simple and direct. Much thought, careful wording, and thorough practice of delivery should be elements in the preparations.

Method of Presentation: The speech must be memorized. Prompting or failure in memory work will disqualify the contestant.

Manuscript: A copy of the manuscript must be attached as a PDF or MS Word document to the State Rally Registration no later than March 8, 2024. The copy must include the contestant's name, school name, and school division, as well as the name of the author(s) of the selection used. Manuscripts should indicate all sources used, and whether those sources used are quoted directly or indirectly. Any consistent method of source citation is permitted.

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Dramatic Duo

Time Limit: 8 minutes; students will be penalized at least one rating point for failure to meet this time requirement. Informal introductory remarks preceding the reading are considered a part of the selection and will be timed.

Selections: The reading is a cutting from one or more texts of literary merit, humorous or serious, involving the portrayal of two or more characters, presented by two individuals.

Method of Presentation: Selections may be presented from Memory or from a book manuscript.

Manuscript: A copy of the reading selection must be attached as a PDF or MS Word document to the State Rally Registration no later than March 8, 2024. The copy must include the contestant's name, school name, and school division, as well as the name of the author(s) of the selection used.

LSU Eunice District Speech Rally 2025

Extemporaneous Speaking Evaluation Sheet

Student:		Group:		Topic No:	
Total Score:		Rating:		Judge's Initials:	

Instructions: Rate each student on the following items with 10 being the highest and 1 being the lowest by circling the score for each category. Put total points at the bottom of the page. Please write constructive comments for the student that will aid them in future competitions. Do not make any oral comments regarding student's entry. Speaker must present a brief informative talk on one of three current topics that were drawn in an informal, conversational manner.

The time limit is 5-7 minutes.

Category	Ratings									
Introduction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Organization (clear, logical, appropriate)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Content (citation of sources, concreteness, adequacy)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Clarity of Purpose (suitability of topic)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Effectiveness of Conclusion (accomplished purpose, interesting)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Vocal Delivery (clear, loudness, articulation, pauses, emphasis, variety)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Non-verbal Communication (eye contact, gestures, posture, movement, facial expression)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Language Usage (style)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall Effectiveness (professionalism)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Time: _____ minutes _____ seconds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Comments:										

Ratings: Superior (qualifies for state rally) 95-100 = Rate 5; Excellent 90-94 = Rate 4; Good 85-89 = Rate 3; Average 80-84 = Rate 2; Fair is below 79 = Rate 1

LSU Eunice District Speech Rally 2025 Interpretive Reading Evaluation Sheet

Student:		Group:			
Total Score:		Rating:		Judge's Initials:	

Instructions: Rate each student on the following items with 10 being the highest and 1 being the lowest by circling the score for each category. Put total points at the bottom of the page. Please write constructive comments for the student that will aid them in future competitions. Give no oral feedback. Introductory comments preceding the reading are a timed part of the selection.

Selections may be presented from memory or from a book or manuscript. Students will be penalized at least one rating point for exceeding 8 minutes.

Category	Ratings
Introduction (set up theme/purpose, establish setting)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Selection Choice (appropriate for occasion)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Vocal Delivery (clear, loudness, articulation, pauses, emphasis, variety)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Non-verbal Communication (eye contact, gestures, posture, movement, facial expression)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Organization (coherence of presentation; transitions, if needed)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Characterization of role(s) (clearly conveys Work's intent)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Poise, Confidence, Professionalism	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Development (building to a point or climax)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Overall Effectiveness	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Time: _____ minutes _____ seconds	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Comments: 	

Ratings: Superior (qualifies for state rally) 95-100 = Rate 5; Excellent 90-94 = Rate 4; Good 85-89 = Rate 3; Average 80-84 = Rate 2; Fair is below 79 = Rate 1

LSU Eunice District Speech Rally 2025 Original Oratory Evaluation Sheet

Student:		Group:			
Total Score:		Rating:		Judge's Initials:	

Instructions: Rate each student on the following items with 10 being the highest and 1 being the lowest by circling the score for each category. Put total points at the bottom of the page. Please write constructive comments for the student that will aid them in future competitions. Do not make any oral comments regarding student's entry. Note cards are not allowed. Entry must be strictly original, and no more than 200 quoted words will be permitted. Language should be simple and direct. Plagiarism will disqualify the student. **The speech must be memorized. Prompting or failure in memory work will disqualify contestant.** Manuscripts should indicate sources used, whether those sources are used directly or indirectly. Any consistent method of source citation is permitted. **The time limit is 6-8 minutes.**

Category	Ratings									
Introduction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Organization (clear, logical, appropriate)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Content (citation of sources, concreteness, adequacy)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Clarity of Purpose (suitability of topic)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Effectiveness of Conclusion (accomplished purpose, interesting)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Vocal Delivery (clear, loudness, articulation, pauses, emphasis, variety)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Non-verbal Communication (eye contact, gestures, posture, movement, facial expression)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Language Usage (style)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall Effectiveness (professionalism)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Time: _____ minutes _____ seconds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Comments:										

Ratings: Superior (qualifies for state rally) 95-100 = Rate 5; Excellent 90-94 = Rate 4; Good 85-89 = Rate 3; Average 80-84 = Rate 2; Fair is below 79 = Rate 1



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