

Guidelines for the Virtual Student English Speech Competition

1. The contestants are required to deliver their speeches in English.
2. For the first round, the topic shall be:

***“Cultivating the Educational Landscape
towards the Development of the School of Tomorrow”***

3. Copy of the 5-minute speech for the first round shall be emailed to intlaffairsoffice.com@lpubatangas.edu.ph on or before September 10, 2021.
4. Prior to the competition, contestants must set their speaking area:
 - Stand at least 3 to 5 feet from the camera
 - Check audio to ensure that microphone is clearly picking up voice from where you are standing.
 - Must mark your speaking area so that you will not step out of frame.
5. During the duration of the competition, contestants must:
 - Be on Zoom 30 minutes before the contest for the briefing and camera and audio tests.
 - Ensure that their camera is mounted or secured to prevent movement during speech.
 - Ensure good lighting in the area so that the judges can see the contestant's facial expressions.
 - Check their microphones so that they have the clearest sound.
 - Be mindful of the timing signals.
6. After you are introduced, begin your speech immediately.
7. Timing shall begin with the contestant's first word uttered.
8. In the event of technical failure of the signal or timing equipment, a contestant shall be allowed 30 seconds extra overtime before being disqualified.
9. After delivering your speech you must go to the designated breakout room.

ROUND 1 September 21 MORNING

Each contestant shall present their prepared speech. After every speech, the judges shall ask questions. The TOP 15 contestants shall be selected based on the scores. Those who shall be selected shall move to the next round.

ROUND 2 September 21 AFTERNOON

The TOP 15 shall be asked to pick a number which corresponds to a pre-selected topic by the organizers. Contestants shall be given 5 minutes to make a speech based on the topic that they have selected. The TOP 5 shall be chosen among the contestants based on their scores and shall move on to the FINAL Round.

FINAL ROUND September 22 AFTERNOON

The Top 5 contestants shall be asked to deliver an impromptu speech, the topic that shall be

given by a judge on-the-spot. The impromptu speech shall not be less than 3 minutes and shall not exceed 5 minutes. Deductions shall be made accordingly. The top 3 contestants shall be selected based on the scores of the final round.

Scoring Criteria for the Speech Competition (Round 1 and Final Round):

Content (50%)

Speech Development: The contestants should know the material thoroughly and organize the ideas in sequence so that the audience can understand what they are saying. The speech should have a purpose and it should have identifiable introduction, body and conclusion.

A good speech attracts the audience's attention and moves on with smoothness towards the conclusion. The speech should be supported by relevant examples, facts and figures. They should give proper credits to the sources of their information.

Effectiveness: The contestant must deliver his/her speech as effectively as possible. The contestant should consider how he/she can relate to the audience. The contestant must try to convince the audience of the soundness of his/her arguments. The contestant must win over the audience and the judges to his/her side.

Speech value: The speech should be meaningful and authentic to the audience. The listeners should feel satisfied after listening to the speech.

Delivery (30%)

Physical appearance: The contestant must dress appropriately. He/she must exhibit confidence so as to deliver an effective speech. The body language should strengthen the speech, demonstrating different facial expressions, gestures and body positioning.

Voice: While delivering the speech, the voice should be flexible, easy to move from one pitch to another. The voice should be clear, so that the words can be easily understood.

Manner of Delivery: This will indirectly reveal the true state of the speaker. The speaker should speak with confidence and must show interest in his/her audience.

Language (20%)

Appropriateness refers to the choice of words that is related to the purpose of the speech. The language should give a clear picture of the thoughts being expressed. Correctness of the language refers to the proper usage of the grammar and correct pronunciation of the words.

Scoring Criteria for the Speech Competition (ROUND 2)

The following shall be the criteria for judging:

Originality and Style

30%

Content and relevance to the topic	40%
Mechanics (Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation, Capitalization and Organization of Thoughts)	30%