

# 2023 Speak-Off



**What are the judges looking for?**



## **Introduction - 10 pts**

A strong introduction should capture attention and interest. Students should introduce the topic sufficiently and clearly.

## **Content - 40 pts**

The winning speech will be well organized and easy to follow. It should be clear that the student has researched the topic as well as what Resource Conservation Districts are and can do. The speech should include ways that RCDs can help.

## **Delivery Skills - 40 pts**

Contestants should be able to recite their speech without notes and without sounding like they're reading a script. A good delivery also includes eye contact, appropriate gestures, and a general ease of movement. Remember, our local winner will potentially move on to the state competition, which will be live in front of a large audience.

## **Conclusion - 10 pts**

The speech should be wrapped up succinctly and effectively.

## **Timing**

Students should be able to perform their speech in 3 to 5 minutes. Points will be removed for any speech that goes under or over this time allotment.



Students should submit a video of their speech by 5 PM on Friday, October 6th! Learn more and enter at: [www.iercd.org/speak-off](http://www.iercd.org/speak-off)

