**IHSAA Speech Contest Commonly Asked ??’s for Parents/Guardians**

**1. Are performance times exact?** No. Plan on arriving to your student’s center *at*

 *least 1/2 hour early*. Most often, centers run ahead of time.

**2.** **Are videotaping and photography allowed?** NO videotaping or photography is

 permissible. In fact, it may disqualify the performing school.

**3. May a PV logo (ie. a sweatshirt with PVHS) be worn?** Refrain from all apparel that

 informs the judge of what school the participants are from.

**4. Are students permitted to leave after they are finished performing?** ALL students

 are expected to remain until the final PV performances. As a team, we need to

 support each and every member of our IHSSA family. Also, please have all students

 eat at the school. We want to support the host school with their fundraising efforts.

**5. What are the qualifications of the judges?** ALL IHSSA judges have gone through training and certification. Please

 accept your student’s ratings with pride and dignity. Adhere to proper sportsmanship at all times.

**6. If I don’t know where/when my student performs what should I do?** DO make sure you Do know ahead of time

 your student’s times and locations. Please do not rely on the head office, as the contest managers are extremely

 busy. Students WILL know the schedule the week of the contest. Check out [www.pleasval.org/theatre](http://www.pleasval.org/theatre) for the most

 current information.

**7. How are ratings given?** At Districts, one judge critiques the performance with a I, II, III, or Disqualification IV rating.

 The judge also gives an oral critique. (Except for One Act Play at District. OAP at District has three judges and no oral

 critiques are given.) Only those receiving a I rating advance to State. At State, three judges critique the performance.

 No oral critique is given. Only those performances that receive at least two All-State nominations AND also are in the

 upper percentages of point ratings advance to All-State. At the All-State Festival, a professional artist adjudicates the

 performance. All-State is not a competition, but a celebration of excellence.

**8. Can anyone come to contest?** Yes, all are invited. There is usually a **$3 donation** that is asked of all audience

 members at the main door for Districts and State. Admission is charged at All-State.

**9. May I watch any group perform?**  Yes, and you are encouraged to watch students from other schools as well as other

 categories.

**10. If I have a question/concern about my child’s rating, what should I do?** Visit with Mr. Myatt in person. Consider

 the implications of “chain of command” at your work place. Mr. Myatt is the best person (besides your student) that

 will be able to supply you with the most complete information and insight.

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