

A. TAPPS sponsors the following competitions:

1. Advanced Math
2. Calculator Applications
3. Current Issues and Events
4. Duet Acting
5. Literary Criticism
6. Mathematics
7. Newspaper
8. Number Sense
9. Original Oratory
10. Persuasive Speaking
11. Poetry Interpretation
12. Prose Interpretation
13. Ready Writing
14. Science
15. Social Studies
16. Solo Acting
17. Spanish
18. Spelling
19. Yearbook

B. ELIGIBILITY.

In addition to the eligibility requirements for contests in Article V of the Constitution, **only students in grades 9-12 shall be permitted to enter the contests.**

C. REPRESENTATION.

Each participant member school may enter up to three individuals/duets per event at the district meet.

D. QUALIFIERS/ALTERNATES.

1. For Advancement to State, refer to Section 205 of Academic Plan. If an individual qualifier cannot compete at the State Meet, that member school is responsible for notifying its District President, the school of the next alternate, and the classification coordinators **prior to the District Certification Date as shown on the TAPPS Calendar.**
2. The State Contest Rosters will be set and posted on the web prior to the State Meet.

E. VERIFICATION PERIOD

1. If it is evident that an error has been made in ranking a contestant's score, the Meet Director is authorized to correct the error.
2. A speech Verifier will ensure that all procedures and rules have been followed.
3. **If questions arise, contact the Classification Speech Coordinator, State Speech Director, or State Academic Director.**

F. USE OF AIDS

1. Translators are not allowed.
2. Irlen lenses, overlays, or colored paper are permitted

G. TEST PERSONNEL. (Contest Directors, Monitors, and Assistants must be professional and unbiased.)

1. Contest Director. Must understand the rules of the contest he is administering.
2. Monitor. Assist the Contest Director, monitors students taking exams, maintains silence in the halls, and performs other duties as necessary.
3. Graders. Competent graders may include coaches who should maintain a professional and unbiased demeanor.
4. If questions arise, contact the Classification Speech Coordinator, State Speech Director, or State Academic Director.

H. AWARDS.

Each district shall decide the type of awards to present to individual winners and/or winning schools. An award ceremony is optional at the district level. At the State Meet there will be no award assembly. Each participating school may pick up its packet of awards, exams and papers at the end of the meet. **If a sponsor desires to have the packet mailed, he must pay \$10 and address the envelope provided by the State Meet Director.**

I. RETURNING EXAMS/PAPERS.

Written Exams at District Meet, Ready Writing essays, and Persuasive Speaking ballots may **NOT** be returned to school participants **UNTIL the date set by the TAPPS State Office.** Other Speech ballots may be returned the day of the meet. Papers from the State Meet will be placed in school packets and may be picked up at the end of the meet.