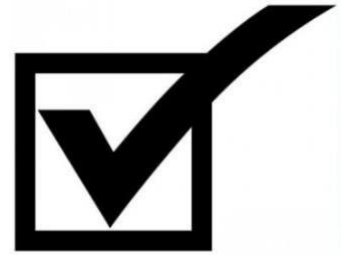




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# Prepared Speech

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**REGIONAL 2025**

### **Description**

Demonstrate communication skills in securing, arranging, organizing, and presenting information orally.

### **Specifications**

- Each member is to select a topic related to business, entrepreneurship, or Business Professionals of America, and develop an oral presentation of no less than five (5) and no more than seven (7) minutes.
- The length of setup will be no more than one (1) minute.
- Setup will be stopped at one (1) minute to begin the speech.
- **The speech will be stopped at seven (7) minutes.**
- Facts and working data may be secured from any source. This event emphasizes a scholarly approach to securing information and places emphasis on content and research. Each member's speech, however, must be the result of his/her own efforts.
- Member must provide
  - At the time of check-in members must submit one (1) copy of the following documentation: Works Cited and speech outline. Use guidelines in the *Style & Reference Manual*.
  - Members must place their Member ID in the top-right corner of the header on the Works Cited and speech outline. (This addition is *not* noted in the *Style & Reference Manual*.)
  - For Finals, at the time of check-in members must submit one (1) copy of the following documentation: Works Cited and speech outline. Use the guidelines in the *Style & Reference Manual*.
  - All copies should be on 8½"x11" plain, white non-glossy paper. No binders will be accepted. No time warnings will be given.
- The member may use notes or note cards. A flip chart, posters, and/or props may be used.
- All materials (props, displays, samples, gifts, etc.), other than the required submission, may *not* be left with judges.
- No electric/electronic equipment may be used.
- A topic may *not* be repeated.
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