

## **BH DEBATE AND SPEECH CLUB**

### **Informative/Expository Speech Rules (Info/Expo)**

Speech time 5-8 minutes.

Total time, including set up and tear down, 10 minutes.

Time begins when speaker arrives at the podium area to set up and stops after clean up of area completed.

*Minimum time must be met to qualify for awards. Points will be lost for time overage.*

**Prompts** will be allowed, however the speaker should be familiar enough with material to use minimal notes or card prompts beyond visual aids or props (including powerpoint). Overuse of notes will result in loss of points.

**Aids:** Costumes, physical props and/or display visuals will be allowed. (No weapons or dangerous material). Powerpoint (or similar type) with Miracast or Chromecast and a student electronic device or Google doc account is allowed. (Student is responsible to ensure the compatibility of equipment and software with the room's tv display. Any computer, electronic device, and software set up must be completed during the allotted speech/prep time.)

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Informative/Expository speech is to inform an audience about the facts and ideas surrounding a topic using visual aids of various types.

#### **General Rules**

The speech must be an original work and must have been created for the current season (no previous seasons' speeches will be allowed).

The speaker must describe, illustrate, or define an object, idea, or process using visual aids, costuming, and/or props.

Fabricated subjects are not permitted.

Humor and satire are allowed in the style of presentation.

Speakers must remove all speech items and leave the speaking area in clean condition.

Up to 100 quoted words are allowed but must be cited properly. Violation of this rule could result in disqualification.

No gratuitous vulgarity or sensitive issues are allowed. (Mrs. Arp will determine if a subject is sensitive.)

Audience participation or laughter that extends the time of a piece will not penalize the speaker.