Our goal is to provide you with a challenge to sharpen your skills at speaking to groups and to allow you to gain self-confidence. All of you have some idea you can share with your fellow students.

Competition is by grade level as outlined below. Subject is open to the discretion of the speaker, but observe the time for each grade level.

**SUGGESTIONS:**

**4TH GRADE:**
Speeches should be 1-2 minutes in length.  
“My Favorite _____________”

**5TH GRADE:**
Speeches should be 2-3 minutes in length.  
Speak on a person who is a role model to you, a famous person, hero or someone you admire.

**6TH GRADE:**
Speeches should be 3-4 minutes in length.  
Speak on any subject. (Try to relate to 4-H or something that you have an interest in.)

**7TH AND 8TH GRADE:**
Speeches should be 4-5 minutes in length.  
Speak on current events or issues. For example:  
The benefits of using a seat belt, alcohol and drug related problems, etc. (These are suggestions.)

**9TH – 12TH GRADE:**
Speeches should be 5-7 minutes in length.  
**ALL senior high speeches should relate, in some way, to the member’s experiences in 4-H and/or things learned through 4-H. (It should be a promotional speech for 4-H).**

You may use note cards (3” x 5”) only!  
**DO NOT** use any props/No Costumes!  
**DO NOT** read your speech. You will lose many points this way!

The key to successful Public Speaking is:

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