

WHAT IS HIGH SCHOOL FORENSICS?

Forensics is an organization that competes in various categories to improve speaking skills in front of an audience. It helps students with eye contact, articulation, and poise so that they are able to present themselves to others in the best light.

The categories include:

- Demonstration Speech
- 4-Minute Speech
- Oratory
- Special Occasion Speech
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Moments in History
- Public Address
- Radio Speaking
- Poetry Reading
- Prose Reading
- Farrago Reading
- Storytelling
- Solo Acting
- Play Acting
- Group Interpretive (reading)

Schools may have 25 entries with no more than 4 entries in any one (1) category except for Poetry/Prose/Farrago can only have 10 entries total.

There are 3 competitions:

- Sub-District – each entrant performs 3 times before a different judge each round
Competitors must score 16 or higher by 2 of the 3 judges
- District – each entrant performs 3 times before a different judge each round
Competitors must score 20 or higher by 2 of the 3 judges
- State – each entrant performs once before 1 judge; 25= gold; 23-24= silver; 20-23= bronze; all below 20 receive a small bronze