



# OKEECHOBEE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Okeechobee, Florida 34972



**TOPIC:** "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home"

**CONTEST DATE:** Thursday, November 30, 2017

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Monday, November 27, 2017

Open to any Okeechobee County student grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Middle and High School Division given enough participation

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup>- \$150.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> -\$100.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> -\$50.00

For a complete list of rules and entry form contact:  
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# Okeechobee Soil and Water Conservation District

## Local Speech Contest

### ELIGIBILITY

Contest is open to public, private, parochial or home school students from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in Okeechobee County.

A signed entry/release form is also required.

Provided enough participation, the District contest may be divided into two categories (6-8 & 9-12) with the highest overall scoring students from each category advancing to Area Contests.

### CONTEST RULES

#### Contest Topic – “Watersheds- Our Water, Our Homes”

Speeches must be original, not previously used, and created by the contestant. Notes may be used while speaking, but audio and visual aids of any form are not permitted.

Winner of the local competition will be entered in an area competition (multi District), and may then advance to the State competition. Highest scoring Area winner will advance to the State competition. Contestant may not wear attire that identifies them with any organization (e.g., FFA, 4-H, school logos).

**Time Limit** – Speeches must be a minimum of **five** to **seven** minutes in length. Time under or over these limits, respectively, will result in two points deducted for each 15 second increment or part thereof.

**Judging** – A standard score sheet will be used for all contestants. Three judges and one time keeper will be used at district, area, and state competitions. Judges should be experienced in public speaking and should not be elected supervisors or staff. Judges will score entries based on the following criteria:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
CONTENT	Relevance to the given topic	10
	Treatment (material used and accuracy of statements)	20
	Originality (subject matter and treatment)	20
	<b>Total Content Points</b>	<b>50</b>
COMPOSITION	Organization, cohesiveness, grammar, style	10
	<b>Total Composition Points</b>	<b>10</b>
DELIVERY	Voice (enunciation, modulation)	10
	Personal Appearance (neatness, posture)	10
	Communicative Expertise (sincerity, ability to convey thought and meaning)	10
	Stage Presence (gestures, visual contact)	10
	<b>Total Delivery Points</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>100</b>

Oral speeches will be presented on *November 30, 2017* at UF/IFAS Extension Service Conference Room

*\*Note to Teachers: Participation in this event would directly relate to Sunshine Standards, Language Arts, LA.C.3.4.1 and LA.C.3.4.2.*

# OKEECHOBEE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Speech Contest Entry Form

Deadline: Monday, November 27, 2017 @ 4:30pm

Local Contest: Thursday, November 30, 2017 @ 5:30pm

Location: UF/IFAS Extension Service Conference Room

Topic: "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home"

Complete the form and submit via email or fax: [a.kuipers@okeechobeeswcd.org](mailto:a.kuipers@okeechobeeswcd.org) or 855-464-1972

### Contest Information

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree that all photographs, video recordings, and audio recordings made of me for purposes of publicity, illustration, advertising, or publication about the Public Speaking Contest at the local, regional or state competition, by authorized media personnel may be used by Association of Florida Conservation Districts without compensation to me. Parent/Guardian signature required for students under the age of 18.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Area Information

Representing Area: IV

Date of Area Contest: TBA-April 2018

### Conservation District Information

Soil and Water

Conservation District: Okeechobee

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