

UIL Speaking Events

Event	Time	Synopsis	Delivery
Prose Interpretation	7 minutes no grace	oral interpretation of prose; prepare 2 performances from 2 specified categories of literature; documentation of categories often required	oral reading not memorized except introduction
Poetry Interpretation	7 minutes no grace	oral interpretation of poetry; prepare 2 performances from 2 specified categories of literature; documentation of categories often required	oral reading not memorized except introduction
Informative Speaking	7 minutes allowed to finish sentence	the speaker draws 5 current event topics, chooses one on which to speak after 30 minutes of preparation time; speech is informative in nature	1 notecard allowed
Persuasive Speaking	7 minutes allowed to finish sentence	the speaker draws 5 current event topics, chooses one on which to speak after 30 minutes of preparation time; speech is persuasive in nature	1 notecard allowed
Lincoln-Douglas Debate	6-3-7-3-4-6-3 4 minute preparation	one person on each side debating value resolutions; Fall topic used August — December; Spring topic used January — May; available on UIL website	Extemporaneous
Cross-Examination Debate	8-3-8-3-8-3-8-3-5-5-5-5 8 minute preparation	two-member teams debating policy question; broad national topic remains the same all year; released each January for the following year	Extemporaneous
Congress	3 hour sessions	Participating schools author bills and resolutions which are considered for debate; legislative contestants are divided into chambers where their speeches are scored	Extemporaneous