

Drama Competition Categories and Time Limits

2026

Grades 3 – 5 Elementary (group participation only for grade 3)

Grades 6 – 8 Middle School

Grades 9 – 12 High School

| Category: | See Rule # | Time Limits | Individual or Group event | Group Size | Costumes | Make-up and Hair Accessories | Props |
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| Dramatic Interpretation | 1 | Elementary 2-10 min. 4-10 minutes | INDIVIDUAL | | yes | yes | Yes; small hand props |
| Humorous Interpretation | 2 | Elementary 2-10 min. 4-10 minutes | INDIVIDUAL | | yes | yes | Yes; small hand props |
| Character Monologue | 3 | Elementary 2-10 min. 4-10 minutes | INDIVIDUAL | | yes | yes | Yes; small hand props |
| Poetic Interpretation | 4 | 2-10 minutes | INDIVIDUAL | | yes | yes | Yes; small hand props |
| Biblical Interpretation | 5 | Elementary 2-10 min. 4-10 minutes | INDIVIDUAL | | yes | yes | Yes; small hand props |
| Sacred Prose Interpretation | 6 | Elementary 2-10 min. 4-10 minutes | INDIVIDUAL | | no | no | no |
| Declamation | 7 | 2-10 minutes | INDIVIDUAL | | no | no | no |
| Reader's Theatre | 8 | 6-13 minutes | GROUP | 3-6 | no; only small accessories | no make-up; only small accessories | Yes, small hand props; a table, chairs, stools, platforms, or prop boxes |
| Choric Speaking | 9 | 6-13 minutes | GROUP | 7-15 | no | no | No, except for risers |
| Acting | 10 | 6-13 minutes | GROUP | 2-6 | yes | yes | Yes-including large items—see rules |