

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
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