**Presentation Day(s), Grade 6**

Before you arrive, have available a stopwatch, or a phone app that will keep track of time. Have more than enough judging sheets for every member of the class and a couple of writing utensils.

During presentations, you are welcome to tell students when to begin and start can your timer. Do not interrupt the presentation. Do not call time! Do not ask questions of the presenter. If you don’t see citations during the presentation, you are welcome to ask the presenter for them after the end of their presentation. In grade 6, citation format mistakes can reduce the students score by 1 or 2 points. Lack of citations can reduce available points within the “Research” section of the rubric by 10 points (if the presentation seems to lack any credible research).

During and after the presentation, fill out the score sheet. Do not wait until the end of all presentations to consider your scores. Try your best to judge only according to the rubric. Do not judge the speaker against another student’s work. If there are ties in the final scores, do not go back and attempt to rescore them in order to determine placing. “Ties” are allowed!

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. Should I brief the students before judging? Yes, remind students how the judging process will proceed, remind them (and anyone else in attendance) to clap at the end of every presentation, remind them not to talk or make noise during presentations. Unless it is an emergency, they should wait to ask for passes, etc. until the class is between presentations.
2. Are parents allowed to attend the presentation? There is no rule against them attending; however, defer to the classroom instructor. A small classroom can’t take the addition of 60 parents.
3. Who gets to see the score sheets? You and the instructor. The instructor may use them for grades, completion marks, or helpful critique, after you leave the room.
4. How strict should I be about scoring? If you feel that there is a clear reason to deduct points, do so! If everyone “gets an ‘A’,” we will be unable to decide who should be invited to regionals. That being said, if you could “go either way” between two scores, err on the side of the presenter.
5. How should I dress for presentations? We ask students dress appropriately for their presentations. Out of respect to the presenter, the judge should dress in something approximating “business casual.” Certainly, “old school” business attire is welcome; however, we want our judges to be comfortable. In cases where a school lacks sufficient climate control, please adjust your attire accordingly and give the students some latitude if they don’t look “crisp.” Of course, students wearing inappropriate clothing (such as references to illegal acts, drugs, or alcohol) should loose all points under “Appearance.”
6. THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF 4-H!