



JUMOKE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS

The 4th Annual Jumoke Academy Charter Schools Oratory Contest Statement of Purpose

The goal of the Jumoke Academy Oratory Contest is to offer students the opportunity to develop oratorical skills through public speaking in a community context. Our school theme this year, “Excellence in all things” inspired the topic for scholars to base their speeches on. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote :

“All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence,” offers scholars a chance to reflect on the importance of excellence in all things, and their own commitment to excellence to themselves (individually), their families, schools, communities or society.

2019 Contest Rules and Regulations

1. Students grades 3-8 are eligible to participate. Four finalists from each school should be submitted by participating districts (2 in grades 3-5 and 2 in grades 6-8).
2. Contestants are to research, write, and present an *original* speech related to the topic “Excellence in all things.”
3. Each speech should be 2 – 4 minutes in length. Contestants will be disqualified if the speech is timed under 2 minutes or over 4 minutes in length.
4. Appropriate gestures are allowed and encouraged. Props are not allowed.
5. The style should be appropriate to the message of the speech. A “dramatic” presentation is not acceptable. A dramatic presentation is considered anything that is read or preformed that has been *previously written by another author*; a short story, a poem, etc. Although quotes to

999 ASYLUM AVENUE SUITE 200 · HARTFORD, CT 06105 · PHONE (860) 527-0575 · FAX (860) 244-9618

Jumoke Academy will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability including, but not limited to, blindness, (unless such disability, even with reasonable accommodation, prevents the applicant from being able to perform the work involved), or in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut. Further, Jumoke Academy will not retaliate against or condone retaliation against any person or group of persons who oppose actions, treatment or conduct that they believe to be discriminatory.

support a position or statement are appropriate, they may not dominate the speech, and should be appropriately cited. Dramatic presentations are also defined, for the purposes of this contest, to include *acting as a thing or another person*.

6. No copyrighted speeches shall be used in the contest. All speeches must be original and written by the scholar.
7. The contest may be videotaped and photographed. If so, all content will remain the property of Jumoke Academy Charter Schools. Copies may be provided upon request.
8. Contestants may use notes or notecards. No electronic devices are allowed.
9. A podium and a microphone will be provided. Both are optional.
10. Two winners will be chosen; one scholar from each age group who has the highest score based on the provided rubric.
11. Speeches will be judged by at least 3 judges.
12. Speaking order will be predetermined by organizers.
13. The judges will score the contestants in 5 areas (rubric attached). Contestants will be scored on a 20 point scale.
14. All decisions will be final. Ties will be decided by judges after deliberation.
15. If a student or chaperone has a question, concern, or issue with the contest and its rules, they are to seek an Oratory Committee member.
16. The decision of the Oratory Committee concerning the application of these rules or the contest will be final.