

CPF QUÉBEC - RULES

1. Speeches must be an original work by the student, not a recitation of another person's work.
2. The presentation should be committed to memory, but cue cards with key points will be allowed.
3. Applicants must acknowledge the audience before they begin their speech.
4. Judges will ask students two or three questions in French related directly to the speech, immediately following the delivery of their speech.
5. Candidates must not identify themselves, nor mention the name of their school or their school board, **under penalty of disqualification.**
6. No display materials or costumes (this includes school uniforms) are allowed **under penalty of disqualification.**
7. The use of a lectern is prohibited.
8. This is a speech arts competition as opposed to dramatic arts. Poems, songs and dramatic pieces are not appropriate.
9. Gestures must be kept to a minimum. It is not necessary for the head and hands to remain completely motionless, but gestures must be natural and spontaneous, as opposed to dramatic. Examples of unacceptable gesturing: wild arm movements (flapping wings), pirouettes, kneeling, turning one's back to the audience. **Excessive gestures will result in a penalty of up to three points.**
10. Students will speak for **3-5 minutes.**
11. The time is clocked from when the student begins to speak.
12. **Speeches which are over or under the allotted time will receive a penalty: one point for 1-30 seconds, two points for 31-60 seconds, etc.**