



Researched Persuasive Writing and Speaking

Preliminary Round

Purpose: To encourage HOSA members to improve their skills in researching a health issue, preparing written documentation supporting a thesis, and presenting information orally.

Description: Competitors shall write a paper in which they must take a stand, either in favor for or opposed to a health related issue. Competitors select one of the topics and develop a written paper to reflect the position taken on the selected topic, either for or against, supporting one position or the other. The paper will be sent to Illinois HOSA via email (illinoishosa32+researchedpersuasivewriting@gmail.com)

The topics for 2017-2018 are:

Peanut Allergies: Is our World Too Clean for our Children?

Gene Editing: Cures or Scary Science

- Rules and Procedures**
1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA-Future Health Professionals, in good standing in the division in which they are registered to compete (Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate).
 2. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "[General Rules and Regulations of the National HOSA Competitive Events Program \(GRR\)](#)."

Preliminary Round – The Research Paper

3. The body of the written research paper should be a maximum of **two** pages. The entire paper should be in Arial 12 pt. font on 8 ½ X 11 in. white paper with 1 inch side margins and 1 inch top and bottom margins.
4. The written research paper must be typed or word-processed in English and double-spaced. It must be stapled in the top left corner. **The title page must include the vent name, title of the paper (reflecting topic choice and stance), competitor name, division, chapter name, school and state.**

The research paper will include the following four (4) pages:

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| Page 1: | Title Page |
| Page 2 and 3: | Body of Paper |
| Page 4 | Reference Page |

5. The resource for the use of parenthetical citations will be the HOSA Style Sheet for Researched Persuasive Writing and Speaking, included in these guidelines.

6. A .pdf of the paper must be sent to Illinois HOSA via email (illinoishosa32@gmail.com)

7. The paper submitted by the competitor for the Researched Persuasive Writing and Speaking event must be his or her original work. The act of submitting a paper indicates the materials re not plagiarized and the member entering competition gives permission for HOSA to sue the paper. Evidence of plagiarism in the written paper will result in the paper not being scored.

HOSA Style Sheet, Adapted from APA style

EVERY REQUIREMENT MUST BE FOLLOWED TO RECEIVE CREDIT

This style sheet is designed to make it easier for HOSA members in events that require APA formatting and references. Since the American Psychological Association (APA) is the most commonly used resource in the health sciences, this information is modified from the APA style. More information may be found at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>.

Written Paper Guidelines

1. Type your paper on 8.5 x 11 inch white paper, stapled in the upper left corner, double spaced, with 1" margins on all sides.
2. Do NOT use bold face anywhere on the paper, EXCEPT on the title on the title page, and be sure your paper is in Arial, 12 pt. font.
3. For events that require it, create a cover page with the event name, title of the paper/project, competitor name, chapter name, division, school and state in the center of the page.
4. Create a running head with the title of the paper/project on the upper left-hand corner, ½ inch from the top and flush with the left margin. This running head must also number all pages consecutively on the upper right-hand corner, flush with the right margin.
5. Abstracts are NOT necessary in HOSA competitive events.
6. Place the parenthetical reference at the end of the sentence but before the final period, using author's last name and year of publication. For example, "...in the hospital" (Belkin, 2003). For anonymous authors, the shortened version of the title replaces the author's last name in the text citation. For example, "...in a rainy day" (Meteorologist, 2012). For personal interviews or emails, cite in-text only (S. Smith, personal communication, August 15, 2014), not on your references page.

Reference Guidelines

Your ONE PAGE 'References' title should be centered and sources alphabetized by the author's last name, first initial from the left margin. References should be single spaced and hanging indents should be used for sources requiring multiple lines. Alphabetize anonymous authors according to the first main word in the title. See examples below:

Book by Two or More Authors

Wischnitzer, S., & Wischnitzer, E. (2005). *Top 100 health care careers: Your complete guidebook to training and jobs in allied health, nursing, medicine, and more (2nd ed.)*. Indianapolis, IN: Jist Publishing.

Format of On-Line Entries*

Author or editor last name, first initial. (year, month date posted). Article or web page title. *Book, journal or website title*. Printed version information or volume (issue number), pages if applicable. Retrieved from <DOI or http information>.

Example: Web Site (Professional)

ESPN.com. (1999, Nov 10). *ESPN Internet Ventures*. Retrieved from <http://espn.go.com>.

Example: Article from a Professional Journal Online

Sitzler, B. (2015). Taking helmets off: To decrease risk. *NATA News*, 27(10), 12-14. Retrieved from <http://digital.ipcprintservices.com/publication/?i=&p=&l=&m=14775&l=1&ver=&pp>.

***Note:** If you do not have a section of information for an Internet reference, move up the URL or to the home page to find it. If it is not there, just skip it and move to the next piece of information. If there is no date listed, use (n.d.). Be sure you gather as much information possible for the above format.

RESEARCHED PERSUASIVE WRITING AND SPEAKING JUDGE'S PRELIMINARY ROUND RATING SHEET - THE PAPER

Section # _____

Competitor # _____

Judge's Signature _____

Division: _____ SS _____ PS/Collegiate

Items Evaluated	Points Possible							Points Awarded
	Superior ----- Poor							
No partial points are given in Section A. All seven items <u>must</u> be completed to receive 30 points. If any portion is missing, Section A is scored a 0.								
A - POINTS FOR FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Title page includes event name, title of paper, competitor name, division, chapter name, school and state <input type="radio"/> Arial 12 pt font with 1" margins <input type="radio"/> Max 2 page body of paper <input type="radio"/> Includes Reference page <input type="radio"/> Paper submitted in English <input type="radio"/> Research Paper uploaded to STEM Premier <i>by the published deadline.</i> <input type="radio"/> Addresses one of the annual topics 	30					0		
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8-CONTENT								
1. States the thesis statement briefly, directly and <i>clearly</i> .	10	8	6	4	2	0		
2. Persuasiveness was based on evidence with good reasons to agree with the writer's point of view.	20	8	6	4	2	0		
3. Takes a stand and supports it with sufficient evidence.	10	8	6	4	2	0		
C - ORGANIZATION								
1. The Opening both informs and motivates the reader to keep reading.	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
2. The Closing restates the thesis and is memorable.	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
3. Transitions help paragraphs flow together.	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
4. Paper is well organized overall.	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
5. Grammar, Spelling, Structure, and Punctuation	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
TOTAL POINTS	100 ----- 0							