



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)

2020-21 Topic

Technology Use: Does it Make Us More or Less Connected?

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+researchedpersuasivewriting@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.