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**What:** Speaking Development Events are designed to develop the ability of all FFA members to express themselves on a given subject. Students are encouraged to develop their communication skills and learn to formulate their remarks for presentation in a variety of situations. The state finals of the speaking development events are held in conjunction with the Texas FFA Convention in July.

**When:**  
Pecan Valley District Contest @ Weatherford- April 15th   
Area IV Contest @ Clyde- May 13th   
Texas FFA Convention @ Fort Worth- July 15th

**Contests Available:**   
Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Senior Prepared Public Speaking

Junior Prepared Public Speaking

Soil Stewardship Prepared Public Speaking

Spanish FFA Creed

**Other Important Facts**

* FFA dues must be paid in order to compete in a speaking contest.
* Official dress is required to compete.
* Each contest has a specific limit of students who can compete. If there are more than that number that sign up for the event then tryouts may occur.
* Individuals must place 1st or 2nd in order to advance to the next contest. This does not apply to invitational contests.
* Teams who place 1st at the state contest will compete at the National FFA Contest the following October (except for spanish creed contestants).
* Students who are involved in SDE’s will be able to put this on scholarship applications.
* The Texas FFA offers scholarships to graduating seniors based upon grades, test scores and involvement in ALL areas of the FFA. Getting involved the 1st year a student is in FFA is CRUCIAL to being awarded a scholarship. Scholarships range from $1000- $20,000.