



**XENIA**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

*Second Annual*

# SPEECH Festival

## AWARDS

1st place - \$100 gift card

2nd place- \$75 gift card

3rd place- \$50 gift card

## ABOUT THE ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST

This is an individual student competition, where students will compose a speech of two to three minutes on the assigned topic. Students will record and submit their speech virtually, and the top three speeches from each category will be invited to deliver their speech in person to a panel of judges who will select the winners!

Any XCS student in grades K-12 can participate in this optional event. Only one speech per student will be considered. Speeches must be about the assigned topic, and less than three (3) minutes in length.

## 22-23 TOPIC

**Kindness, Empathy, and Compassion!** Students who are in **grades 3-12 will write a speech** about the importance of kindness, empathy, and compassion, and the impact it has on building a positive community. **K-2 students can read their favorite poem** about kindness, OR complete the 3rd-5th grade option for an extra challenge!

## SCORING

All speeches submitted virtually will be scored using a rubric to assess speech content, presentation style, body language, and more. Three finalists per category will be scored by a panel of judges in person on December 12 to determine the winners.

## CATEGORIES

Elementary K-2  
Elementary 3-5  
Secondary 6-8  
Secondary 9-12



## HOW TO SUBMIT

Upload your video & share it to  
[speechcontest@XeniaSchools.org](mailto:speechcontest@XeniaSchools.org)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Nov 29, 2022**

Deadline to submit a speech virtually

**Dec 9, 2022**

Three finalists from each grade level band will be selected.

**December 12, 2022**

All finalists will compete at the XCS Central Office!  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be announced.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Dr. Jill Hollander ([jhollander@xeniaschools.org](mailto:jhollander@xeniaschools.org))  
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