



# State Contest 2017

## Saturday, October 28, 2017

Hosted by Hadley School@  
Homer Glen, IL

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Performer: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Room: \_\_\_\_\_

- Performers are to report Hadley School *at least* one half hour prior to performance time. You will need plenty of time to locate your partner, your contest room, and rehearse your skit. *A script warm up on contest morning is mandatory.*
- **Please note:** Due to scheduling overlaps and last minute performance changes, it is very possible your coach will *not* be in your contest room during your performance. *We can't tell you how sad this makes us!*
- Families are encouraged to attend the contest. A fee is generally charged for each family member's entrance to the competition site. Below are the possible fees.
  - Adults and high school students: \$3.00
  - Senior citizens and K-8 students: \$2.00
  - Under age 5: Free.
- Programs are generally available for purchase.

Thank you to all of our Tigers for your hard work! It has been a pleasure to work with you. Now, get out there, and "break a leg"!

*Ms. Grady, Mrs. Niendorf, and Mrs. Swierczewski*

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## **Contest Reminders:**

### ***Attire***

Hickory Creek Literary Contestants should arrive at contest looking their best. Most judges appreciate a performer “dressed to impress”. This shows respect for the audience, your appearance in a state competition, and yourself. It is recommended that you do not wear jeans. Your attire should in no way appear to the judge to be a “costume” worn to portray your character. Be sure your attire allows you the comfort and freedom of movement your portrayal requires.

### ***Judging Considerations***

Introductions: The judge will begin timing your performance at the start of your introduction. It is suggested that you greet the audience with a “*Good morning*”, followed by your name, grade, school, years at literary contest, script title, author, and a brief synopsis of the script. *Remember*, this is the first impression you will make on the judge. If your script is running long, give only the basics. (name and script title.)

Conclusions: At the conclusion of your performance, pause for a moment, turn to the audience and judge, say, “Thank you!”, and enjoy the applause! *Under no circumstances* are you to say, “That’s it.”, “That’s the end.”, or “I’m done.”

Props: Be careful not to carry or wear any object that might be interpreted as a prop. For example: If your script calls for you to check the time, **do not** wear a watch or glance at the clock in the room. Doing so will get you disqualified!

Memorization: The most successful contestants **KNOW THEIR SCRIPTS** as well as their own names. However, if you forget your line, the judge has no idea what you are to say! **SO,.....fake your lines until you get back on track!**

Time Limitations: Your performance must last at least five minutes and not extend beyond ten minutes. If you think you may be short on time, build more material into your introduction or script.

Room Arrivals: Contestants are asked to report to their performance room fifteen to thirty minutes prior to performance time.

Jitters: It is normal for you to feel nervous. This nervous energy often provides the adrenaline you need for your best performance! Unfortunately, the jitters also tend to make performers speak too quickly or mumble their words. Nothing is more frustrating to an audience, or a judge, than a performance they can’t hear or understand. **SLOW DOWN AND TAKE YOUR TIME!!!!!!!!!!**

Performance Ratings: Performance ratings are usually posted in the gymnasium within the hour after your performance.

### ***Behavior***

Team members are representing Hickory Creek Middle School when they attend the state contest. You are a reflection of your parents, teachers, fellow students, and Tiger teammates. Please behave in a manner that shows the respect and pride you have for yourself and those around you.

### ***Concessions***

Concessions are available at the contest. All food and drink are to remain in the concession area. I.E.S.A. often has a tee-shirt and sweatshirt printing company at contest. If you are personalizing your order, place it early, so it will be ready for pick up when you leave. ☺

