**Guidelines for Junior Individual Interp**

Interpretative speech events allow students to present a wide variety of literary styles including original writing.

RULES:

1. You may use traditionally published literature, literature published on the internet, or original writing. Examples include prose, poetry, short stories, plays, historical speeches, and children's books.
2. Media transcription from movies, television, or tape recordings are not allowed.
3. The title and author of the selection must be introduced near the beginning of the piece.
4. Students may use up to 150 of their own words anywhere in the presentation.
5. No props, costumes, audiovisuals, or vulgarity is allowed.
6. Limited singing and dancing are permitted but must be purposeful and motivated by the literature.
7. Only the presenter’s feet are permitted to touch the floor.
8. Memorization is required. No scripts, notes, or prompting are allowed.
9. **Speeches** **should not exceed five (5) minutes**. However, no student will be penalized for going over the suggested time, and there is no minimum speaking time.