



Public Speaking Competition for High School Students

Broward County is sponsoring a public speaking competition for high school students on Friday June 3, 2011!

The theme for this year's contest is how to balance environmental protection and economic growth! The question that is being posed to the students is "You have been appointed Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. What policies, strategies or programs would you recommend to Florida's Governor to help protect our natural resources while fostering economic growth?" Please keep in mind the State's current economic conditions. Be sure to include as part of your speech issues such as: climate change mitigation and adaptation, air quality, use of renewable energy and fuels, water conservation, Florida native plants (NatureScape), groundwater protection, drinking water quality and quantity, recycling, land preservation, and parks and recreational areas.



Who's eligible?

All Broward County students (public, private, or home schooled). Students must **register** by emailing airoutreach@broward.org by **April 29, 2011**. The competition will be held at the KC Wright School Board Building located at 600 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale 33301 in the first floor Conference Room at 10:00 am.

Prizes

First Place— A new 8GB iTouch with the air quality index application, Climate Change Book, and National Geographic's Human Footprint DVD.

Second Place— A new Phillips Vibe 4GB MP3 Video Player provided by Broward County Waste and Recycling Services, Climate Change Book, and National Geographic's Human Footprint DVD

Third Place— A gift card to Bass and Pro Shops Outdoor World, a Climate Change Book, and National Geographic's Human Footprint DVD.

Official Rules

- Speeches must be 4 to 6 minutes long. Speeches over or under limit will be penalized.
- Speeches must be relevant to the theme.
- In order to insure impartiality in judging, personal information such as name, school, etc. shall not be stated during the speech. Infraction will be taken during scoring for violation of this rule.
- No visual aids are allowed. Note cards should only be used as a back up.

Judging Criteria

- Submit a completed registration form (found on the web site below) along with a speech summary and/or one-minute video summarizing the speech, to airoutreach@broward.org by April 29, 2011. The top 20 entries will be selected for the final competition on June 3, 2011.
- The Broward County Pollution Prevention, Remediation and Air Quality Division has created a standard scoring sheet to be used for the competition. Speeches will be judged on content and speaking skills as described on the score sheet. A copy of the score sheet criteria is available upon request.

To Register

please email airoutreach@broward.org or call 954-519-1260

For more information please visit www.broward.org/pollutionprevention/airquality and click on Public Speaking Competition