

## Connecticut State Latin Day

### *Declamation Contest Rules*

A school may enter one student in each level of the Declamation Contest. These contests will take place in the Baker Pavilion, the lower level of the Main Pavilion. Winners will be the four best in each level (if the judges feel that such prizes are justified). The text of each passage is enclosed, as well as a copy of the judges' score sheet.

#### **Lower Level:**

Open to middle school students and students in Latin I and II.

#### **Upper Level:**

Open to students in any level.

#### **Judging Criteria (see copy of judges' score sheet):**

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| 1. Accurate memorization   | 1/3 |
| 2. Accurate classical pronunciation<br>(including meter and elision in poetry) | 1/3 |
| 3. Interpretation and delivery   | 1/3 |

#### **Regulations:**

1. All students must appear at the designated time and sign in. Students who do not arrive at the sign-in in time, will not be allowed to declaim.
2. The passage must be memorized.
3. Judges may prompt at a penalty.
4. The student must stand.
5. Gestures are permitted.
6. No props are allowed.

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Declamation Contest  
Judges' Score Sheet**

**Judge** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speaker** \_\_\_\_\_

**Level** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Categories (each is worth one third):**

	<i><u>Memorization</u></i> *	<i><u>Pronunciation</u></i>
No more than one error	5	5
No more than three errors	4	4
No more than six errors	3	3
No more than ten errors	2	2
More than ten errors	1	1

*\* Memory prompts will count as two errors*

*Interpretation and Delivery*

Gestures and voice inflection are:

Perfectly appropriate to passage	5
Somewhat appropriate to passage	4
Marginally appropriate or present	3
Inappropriate or absent	2

**Total Score** \_\_\_\_\_