EDUCATORS RISING

Changes to competition/contest guidelines for 2025

Competitions

- Point spread changes for most competitions
- All competitions now have a prescored component
- DISCONTINUED Impromptu Speaking
- **General guidelines**
  - Added judging and scoring section and added normalization expectations
    - removed the Judging and Application section from all competitions since it has been moved to the General Guidelines
  - Added statement to ban the use of AI
  - Added inquiry period following release of the scoring rubrics
  - Changed the title of checklist to be Deadlines and Checklist
- **Children's Literature**
  - Updated quote for all
  - K-3 only: changed the number of pages to 28
- **Creative Lecture**
  - New prompt
  - Added a spread for scoring length of speech
  - Added new section for scoring the submitted speech as a prescored item
- **Educators Rising Leadership Award**
  - Added a spread for scoring length of presentation
- **Educators Rising Moment (English & Spanish)**
  - Added a spread for scoring length of speech
  - Added new section for scoring the submitted speech as a prescored item
- **Ethical Dilemma**
  - New prompt
  - Added new section for written analysis as a prescored item
- **Exploring Careers (all)**
  - Added a spread for scoring length of presentation
  - Add points for verification form
- **Inside Our Schools (English & Spanish)**
  - Changed wording that the strategy was implemented no earlier than 2023.
- **Lesson Planning and Delivery**
  - Added resources: Lesson Plan Template & Link to Blooms Taxonomy
  - Humanities: Clarified language on prohibiting foreign language lessons
  - Humanities: Add language that all lessons must be taught in English
- **Public Speaking**
  - New prompt
  - Added new section for scoring the submitted speech as a prescored item
- **Researching Learning Challenges**
  - New prompt

Contests

- Must compete at the state level to qualify for nationals
- Point spread changes for most contests
- All Summary Sheets are prescored
- **Interactive Bulletin Board**
  - Created two separate contests-one for Elementary Classroom and one for Middle/High School Classroom
  - Added word count for summary sheet
  - Expanded scoring for Summary Sheet and clarified that it will be pre-scored.
  - Added points for Summary Sheet provided at start of presentation
- **Project Visualize Service Project**
  - Expanded scoring for Summary Sheet and clarified that it will be pre-scored.
- **Teacher Created Materials**
  - Added word count for summary sheet
  - Expanded scoring for Summary Sheet and clarified that it will be pre-scored.