

Proposal to allow visual aids in Informative Speaking:

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Summary: Allow the use of visual aids in Informative Speaking, as they are in Moments in History and Special Occasion.

Rationale:

The purpose of Informative Speaking is “to explain, define, describe, or illustrate a particular subject. The general purpose of the speech is for the audience to gain understanding and/or knowledge of a topic.” Often students are verbally describing and illustrating a topic that needs to be visualized to be fully understood, such as a new type of technology, something microscopic, or a wide-ranging phenomenon. Allowing the optional use of visual aids could make the topic more understandable to the audience, and free up time in the speech that would otherwise be used in attempting to describe some physical appearance.

Proposed change to Informative Speaking

Delete

2. Properties or visual aids are not permitted.

Replace with:

2. Visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Visual aids may not be worn. During the presentation, no electronic equipment is permitted.