

Principles of Public Speaking Exam

Build Confidence with Preparation.

You must pass both parts of the DSST Public Speaking exam to be eligible for college credit. Test takers will be able to view their score upon completion of part one, in order to decide if they should continue onto part two.

1 Multiple Choice Section

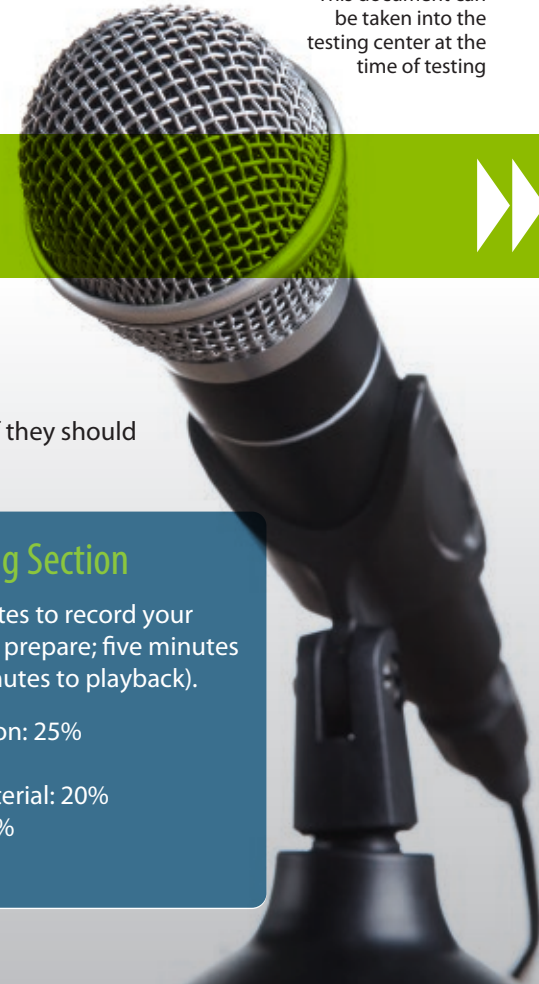
You will have two hours to answer 100 questions on:

- Audience Analysis
- Speech Purposes
- Structure/Organization
- Content/Support Material
- Research
- Language/Style
- Delivery
- Communication
- Listening/Evaluation

2 Oral Recording Section

You will have 20 minutes to record your speech (10 minutes to prepare; five minutes to record; and five minutes to playback).

- Structure/Organization: 25%
- Delivery: 25%
- Content/support Material: 20%
- Effect/Persuasive: 20%
- Language/Style: 10%





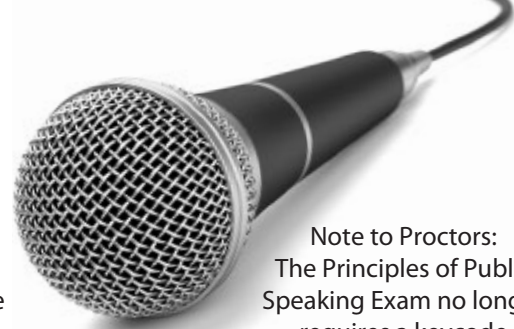
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Ensure Success with Some Helpful Tips.

Avoid the common pitfalls that can lead to automatic failure – from creating a poorly timed speech to editing incorrectly to not addressing the topic to either failing to take a position or taking too many positions.

Edit your speech so that it is at least three minutes – but no longer than five minutes – in length.

Address your topic clearly and logically while expressing only one point of view.



Note to Proctors:
The Principles of Public
Speaking Exam no longer
requires a keycode

Sample Topic for an Impromptu Speech

Capital Punishment or Life Imprisonment?

Some people believe that all states should be allowed to pass laws requiring the capital punishment for certain crimes. Others feel that this penalty is wrong and should be abolished. For this speech topic, your challenge will be to persuade the audience from your point of view on capital punishment versus life imprisonment. Please include supporting arguments to defend your position. Also, be sure to address your designated audience members who range from 18 to 30 years and are female and male college students enrolled in a public speaking class.