

Rules enhancement for Oratory, Informative, Expository, Moments and Extemp (all the speech categories - maybe also include Spec Oc).

Recommendation for the following language to be added to all the speech categories rules:
Students will not be critiqued on the lack of verbal outlines (aka road maps) in their speech. It is not mandatory for them to be included.

In the last several years I have seen numerous critiques from judges about how they would like to hear a "road map" or an "outline" of a student's speech in the speech itself. I would argue that a well developed speech does not require an outline. In fact I often find it redundant when a student proceeds to tell what they are going to talk about then talk about what they said they were going to talk about. Verbal outlines often are nothing more than filler for time.