

IESA SPEECH UPDATE



BY THE NUMBERS

- 90 years of the activity. First contests conducted in 1934.
- 17 contest areas statewide
- 11 events offered

- 182 schools participated in the 2024 state contests
- 2100 events were performed at the state contests
- Approx. 3,000 students performed at state contests

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Performers are judged against a standard for each event. Division I is the highest level of recognition.

2024

Division I awards presented: 3048

Division II awards presented: 746

Division III awards presented: 97

Judges may select a maximum of two performances from those Division I acts they adjudicated for high recognition.

2024

Events receiving Judges Choice awards: 231

Since 2010, the IESA has recognized experienced and new coaches. Distinguished recipients have been coaching for more than 8 years. Class Act recipients have been coaching less than 8 years. Lifetime Service recipients have provided service to the activity in many different capacities.

2024

Distinguished: Gretchen Vance, East Peoria Central

Class Act: Whitney Heflin, Bartonville Oak Grove

Ken Bradbury Lifetime Service Award: Roberta Neumann

