

# Midwest Media Educators Association High School Video Festival

## Judge's Evaluation Sheet

**Talk Show:** An interview-based show (with a host and guest(s) in a studio or on location, or multiple anchors having a discussion about a particular topic (unscripted). Entry must represent a *continuous* sample of the work. Entry **MUST** be student directed and **MUST** be hosted by a student and represent one singular episode. Compilation entries will be disqualified.

(Maximum length: 5 minutes)

	Fair		Avg.		Good		Excel.		TOTAL
<p><b>Story:</b> Topic is clear, relevant, and engaging for the audience. Conversation flows logically. Questions and discussion are thoughtful, not repetitive or filler. Segments stay on topic and avoid unnecessary tangents. Audience walks away understanding the main idea or message.</p>	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	
<p><b>Production Value:</b> Segments flowed together well.</p> <p><b>Sound:</b> Voices are clear and easy to hear. Microphones levels are consistent. No distracting sounds. Natural pauses and pacing are maintained.</p> <p><b>Camera:</b> Shots are steady and well-framed. Variety of shots keeps it visually interesting. Camera focuses on whoever is speaking. Transitions between shots are smooth and intentional.</p> <p><b>Lighting:</b> All hosts and guests are clearly visible. No harsh shadows or bright glares. Lighting looks natural and even across the set. Background lighting does not distract from the talent.</p>	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	
<p><b>Talent:</b> Hosts and guests speak clearly and with confidence. Body language and eye contact show engagement with each other and the audience. Energy level matches the tone of the show. Talent listens actively and responds naturally.</p>	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	

<b>Grand Total (100 possible points)</b>	
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