

**TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

January 16, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District 8 County Extension Agents

**FROM:** Jay Kingston  
District Extension Administrator

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4-H Youth Development

**SUBJECT:** 2024 DISTRICT 8 4-H ROUNDUP

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**District 4-H Roundup:** Educational Presentations  
Public Speaking  
Texas 4-H Talent Showcase

**Event Date:** Saturday, May 4, 2024

**Location:** McLennan County  
West High School  
1008 Jerry Mashek Dr.  
West, TX 76691  
(You will enter in the middle of the buildings-in the mail entrance)

**Entry Deadline:** All entries will be completed on 4-H Online at <https://texas.4honline.com/>.  
Opens: Monday, April 1, 2024  
Closes: Friday, April 12, 2024

**County Approvals:** County offices need to approve registrations on 4-H Connect by Monday, April 14, 2024

**Entry Fee:** \$12 per member per event

**Late Entries:** Late entries will be permitted with an additional:

- \$20 late fee per 4-H member up to 60 hours after the regular contest deadline.

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- \$50 late fee per 4-H member after 60 hours and up to the time of check-in on-site at an event

**Resources:**

General Roundup:

<http://d84-h.tamu.edu/events-and-activities/roundup/>  
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

4-H Talent Showcase:

[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup\\_talent\\_showcase\\_2023.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_talent_showcase_2023.pdf)

Educational Presentations & Public Speaking:

- <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/public-speaking/>
- [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/educational\\_presentation\\_guidelines.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/educational_presentation_guidelines.pdf)
- <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

**Volunteer & Agent Information**

Each county is expected to send:

- 2 volunteers to serve as judges
- All County Extension Agents

Information should be uploaded to the Google Sheet by Friday, April 12, 2024:

- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eteXIVs2rtCbYpRy49n0Uf-yj1bu0UJU/edit?usp=sharing&oid=102071584667392687574&rtpof=true&sd=true>

**Reminders/Changes:**

- **At Texas 4-H Roundup, 4-H Talent Showcase contest categories will be conducted on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY.** 4-H members will be able to participate in one 4-H Talent Showcase on Wednesday **AND** one on category on Thursday! *(At State Roundup)*
- **All Educational Presentations**
  - Only open to individuals or teams of two.
- **Senior Contest Categories with Single Entries**
  - Senior 4-H members in the following contest categories have the option to participate at District 8 4-H Roundup if they are the only entry at the District level. These contestants are still highly encouraged to attend and compete at District 8 4-H Roundup to improve their skills and to gain feedback from judges. The contests eligible are as follows: Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, and 4-H Talent Showcase.

**Auxiliary Aids or Special Accommodations:**

If you have any participants requiring auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please let us know at the time entry materials are due.

## DISTRICT 8 4-H ROUNDUP

### *Agent Specific Responsibilities, Notes, and Reminders*

**Agents:** **ALL COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.**

Attire is professional dress.

**Volunteers:** In addition to utilizing County Extension Agents, we will need the help of ***at least 2 knowledgeable volunteer*** or other resource persons from each county as judges for the contests.

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Additional information will be sent to volunteers and contest superintendents prior to the contest.

If the original judges cannot attend to represent your county, County Extension Agents are responsible for substitutes.

**Contest Equipment:** **ALL AGENTS** will be expected to bring the following items. If you are serving as a contest room superintendent, you will use your items. If you are not serving as a room superintendent, your equipment will be for back-up in case there is a last-minute change or an equipment malfunction or failure.



- Standing easel
- LCD projector
- Laptop (to run PowerPoint .ppt and .pptx files)
- Extension Cord
- Electrical Strip
- Clicker for computer (to advance slides)

## DISTRICT 8 4-H ROUNDUP

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## DISTRICT 8 4-H ROUNDUP

### General Rules & Guidelines

#### 1. Rules and Guidelines

All District contests will be conducted by the rules printed in the District 8 General Rules and Guidelines and in the 2024 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. If an inconsistency exists, the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide rules will always supersede District policies, rules, and guidelines. All qualifying contests listed in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide will be included in District Contest provided there are sufficient entries.

#### 2. Membership

Participants must be a bona fide 4-H member, currently enrolled in their respective county program.

#### 3. Age Divisions

There will be three (3) age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) in all contests, except those listed below where there will be two (2) age divisions (Junior and Senior).

District 8 Contests with two (2) age divisions:

- Dairy Judging
- Leaders 4 Life Skillathon
- Quiz Bowls (Beef, Horse, Swine, and Nutrition)

Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of August 31, 2023 as follows:

Division	Grades	
Junior	3*, 4, or 5	<i>*Must be at least 8 years old</i>
Intermediate	6, 7, or 8	
Senior	9, 10, 11, or 12*	<i>*Must not be older than 18 years old</i>

Only Senior aged members may advance to the state qualifying competition at Texas 4-H Roundup.

#### 4. Participation/Entries

4-H members must be certified by the County Extension Agent to participate at any District 4-H event.

Each county may enter the following number of entries at District 8 Contests:

Judging Contests	No limit
Educational Presentations	3 entries per county per age division per category
Public Speaking	3 individuals per county per age division
Quiz Bowls	No limit
4-H Talent Showcase	2 entries per county per age division per category
Rifle	No limit
Light Rifle	No limit
Food Show	1 entry per county per age division per category
Food Challenge	2 entries per county per age division
Fashion Show	1 entry per county per age division per category
Fashion Storyboard	No limit
Duds to Dazzle	No limit
Leaders 4 Life Skillathon	No limit

All team members must be from the same county and within the same age division. Exception: Juniors may move up to the Intermediate age division when participating on a team that has true Intermediates (based upon grades listed above) on it. No one may move up to the Senior age division. No individual may move down to a younger age division.

**5. Multiple Entries at District Roundup**

At District 8 4-H Roundup, 4-H members may participate in multiple events. 4-H members of all age divisions may enter a maximum of one contest from each of the columns below. (The days listed at the top of each column below represent the day those contests are offered at Texas 4-H Roundup.)

Wednesday	Thursday
4HTS Choreographed Routines	Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety Ed Pres
4HTS Variety Show	Animal Science Educational Presentation
	Beef Educational Presentation
4HTS Vocal	Health & Wellness Educational Presentation
4HTS Musical/Instrumental	Horse Educational Presentation
	Open Ag & Natural Resources Educational Pres
	Open Family & Community Health Ed Pres
	Open Educational Presentation
	Promote 4-H Educational Presentation
	Public Speaking
	Safety & Injury Prevention Educational Presentation
	4HTS 4-H Skit
	4HTS Poetry/Prose
	4HTS Solo/Band

**\*At Texas 4-H Roundup, 4-H Talent Showcase (4HTS) will be conducted on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY.**

4-H members will be able to participate in one 4-H Talent Showcase category on Wednesday **AND** one 4-H Talent Showcase category on Thursday!

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Procedure for participating in multiple District Roundup Events

- 4-H members that are participating in multiple events will need to follow the designated orders that are given at check-in.
- Compete in your contests *in order*. Once you finish one contest, move immediately to your next contest room. Please ask if you have questions.

Seniors Qualifying for more than one Texas 4-H Roundup event held at the same time

Senior age members who qualify for state in contest areas that conflict at Texas 4-H Roundup must choose the contest in which they will advance. Members are encouraged to communicate their decision with their County Extension Agent as quickly as possible so that the District Office may be notified. Once a member declares which contest they are advancing to at Texas 4-H Roundup, the state opportunity in the other contest will be offered to the next qualified placing participant.

Substitutions for Districts 4-H Contests

Each county should determine their own guidelines to follow in their County 4-H Roundup regarding substitutions when they advance to District Roundup.

Senior Substitutions for Texas 4-H Roundup

District 8 will follow the substitution rules as outlined in the current year's Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. To be an eligible substitute, he/she must have attended and competed in another competitive District 8 4-H event.

#### 6. **Senior Contest Categories with Single Entries**

Senior 4-H members in the following contest categories have the option to participate at District 8 4-H Roundup if they are the only entry at the District level. These contestants are still highly encouraged to attend and compete at District 8 4-H Roundup to improve their skills and to gain feedback from judges. The contests eligible are as follows: Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, and 4-H Talent Showcase.

If the single entry does not attend District 8 4-H Roundup, the County Extension Agent MUST witness and certify the entry after the District 8 4-H Roundup entry deadline. The County Extension Agent must notify the District Office by the Texas 4-H Roundup registration deadline.

#### 7. **Academic Eligibility of Participants**

According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed "eligible" to compete in an event that takes place on a weekday or weekend. All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

- Complete a "Declaration of Eligibility Form"
- OR
- Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.

If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, his/her parents, and the district office, by letter, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

#### 8. **Entries**

All contest entries must be submitted through 4-H Connect and are due no later than the indicated dates.

#### 9. **Entry Fee**

There is a \$12 entry fee per member per contest. All entries must be submitted through 4-H Connect by the entry due date.

#### 10. **Late Fees**

Late entries will be permitted with an additional:

- \$20 late fee per 4-H member up to 60 hours after the regular contest deadline.
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#### 11. **Topic Subject** (*Educational Presentations & Public Speaking*)

Subjects in the educational presentation categories should address emerging or current issues in each of the contest areas. Some contests provide a suggested list of topics that the educational presentation may cover along with a resource list. Senior contestants are encouraged to research these emerging and/or current issues to develop presentations.



**12. Accuracy of Information/Resources** (*Educational Presentations & Public Speaking*)

With the computer and internet being used heavily in educational presentations, 4-H members must know the difference between research and nonresearched based information. Contestants are required to use information that is factual and can be supported through adequate documentation. Examples of such websites are federal, state, and local governments, independent research sites, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service websites. Internet information that is questionable includes personal documentation sites, chat rooms, message boards, etc. 4-H members must prepare a list of references (i.e. bibliography, works cited) for their presentation.

**13. Subject Matter** (*Educational Presentations & Public Speaking*)

The skills and knowledge used in any 4-H contest should be the result of experiences in a project in which the member has participated. A presentation must relate to the contest entered, contain current information, and not be better suited for another contest. It should also be appropriate for the member's age and experience. Appropriate credit must be given for references used.

**14. Time Limits**

Educational Presentations: Contestants are permitted twelve (12) minutes for each Educational Presentation. An additional nine (9) minutes will be provided for on-stage arrangements and cleanup in connection with the presentation. A penalty of two (2) points per minute or partial minute overtime will be deducted from the final score. Following the presentation, there may be up to five (5) minutes of question and answer period by the judge. Adults are permitted to assist the 4-H member with the on-stage arrangement and cleanup in connection with the presentation.

Public Speaking: a five to seven (5-9) minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast.

4-H Talent Showcase: a six (6) minute presentation with four (4) minutes total for set up and take down.

**15. Visuals**

In Educational Presentation categories, the use of charts, photographs, computer presentations, graphics/programs, and other visual materials are permitted. Visuals should contribute to the presentation. Each presentation is an example of the participant's ability to communicate an idea. No firearms, weapons, fireworks, open flamed burners, live ammunition, or live animals are allowed to be used by a contestant in any Roundup contest. However, posters and pictures of such items are allowed and encouraged. We encourage all visuals to be appealing to the audience and easily read/seen by the audience. Choose your visual taking that into consideration.

Visual aids and props may not be used in Public Speaking.

**16. Video, Audio, and Display Equipment** (*Educational Presentations*)

The contest officials will provide laptops, extension cords and projectors. Youth should have all presentations in some form of Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Word, or Excel). All fonts used must be true type. These fonts specifically include Arial and Times New Roman. If contestants decide to use any other program or fonts, they will be responsible for bringing **all** equipment that is compatible with their presentation.

The contest superintendent will bring a standing easel. Contestants are responsible for all other needed materials and equipment.

Take into consideration that Internet connectivity may not be available. Be prepared to incorporate any video or other graphics that may require Internet to be directly embedded in the presentation. Make sure the image/ video is included as part of the thumb drive or method used to provide your presentation to the contest Superintendent/Coordinator.

#### **17. Judges Gifts/Handouts**

Gifts of any kind may not be presented to the judges in any contest. Handout may be made available to the entire audience.

#### **18. Judges Questions on Educational Presentations**

Judges may ask contestants questions at the end of their presentation. Following the presentation, there may be up to 5 minutes of question-and-answer period by the judges. Only official judges and superintendents may ask questions of the contestants.

#### **19. Scorecards**

The 4-H Educational Presentation Score Sheet will be used by contest judges in scoring Educational Presentations regardless of presentation style (method demonstration, illustrated talk, or speech). Public Speaking scorecards will be used by contest judges in scoring Public Speaking. Score sheets are available on the District 8 4-H Youth Development website under the Roundup page or also on the Texas 4-H website at the following links:

[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/public\\_speaking\\_score\\_sheet\\_2024.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/public_speaking_score_sheet_2024.pdf)

[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup\\_educational\\_presentation\\_score\\_sheet\\_2024.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_educational_presentation_score_sheet_2024.pdf)

4-H Talent Showcase scorecards (revised 2022) will be used by contest judges in scoring 4-H Talent Showcase acts and can be found at the following link:

[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/talent\\_showcase\\_scoresheet\\_2024.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/talent_showcase_scoresheet_2024.pdf)

#### **20. 4-H Talent Showcase Equipment**

All props and equipment will be the responsibility of the 4-H member. (This includes CD players/radios, extension cords, speakers, amplifiers, keyboards, etc.) There will be no extra equipment provided. Contestants will be responsible for bringing all the equipment needed to successfully perform their act. No props will be allowed to lean on walls in the hall or on stage. They must be free standing. *There will be no piano provided.*

#### **21. Auxiliary Aids/Special Accommodations**

If 4-H members that are participating in District 4-H events require auxiliary aids or special accommodations (including time constraints or conflicts), please notify the District Office at the same time that entry materials are due.

#### **22. Change of Entry Forms**

If, after approving county entries, substitutions are necessary, contact the District 8 4-H Specialist to conduct the change. This change may begin with a phone call, but any official changes must come in writing prior to the contest.

**23. Qualifying for State**

Only Senior 4-H members are eligible to advance to state.

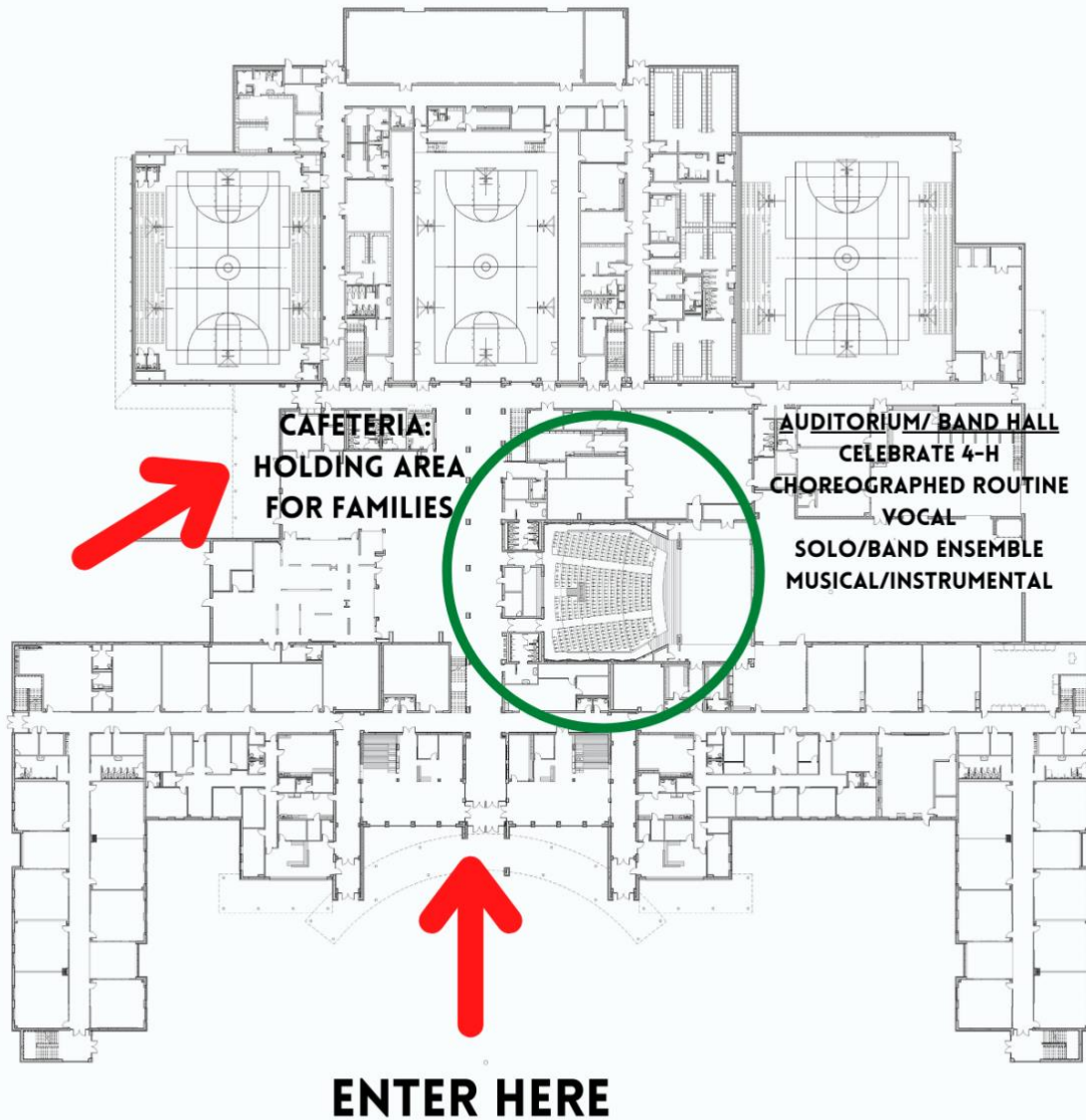
Educational Presentations	first, second, and third place in each category
Public Speaking	first, second, and third place individuals
4-H Talent Showcase	first and second place in each of the seven categories

**24. Contest Room**

The door to the contest room will only open briefly between presentations. If seating is available after contestants are seated, others are encouraged to watch the contests, but will not be allowed to enter or leave the contest room during a presentation.

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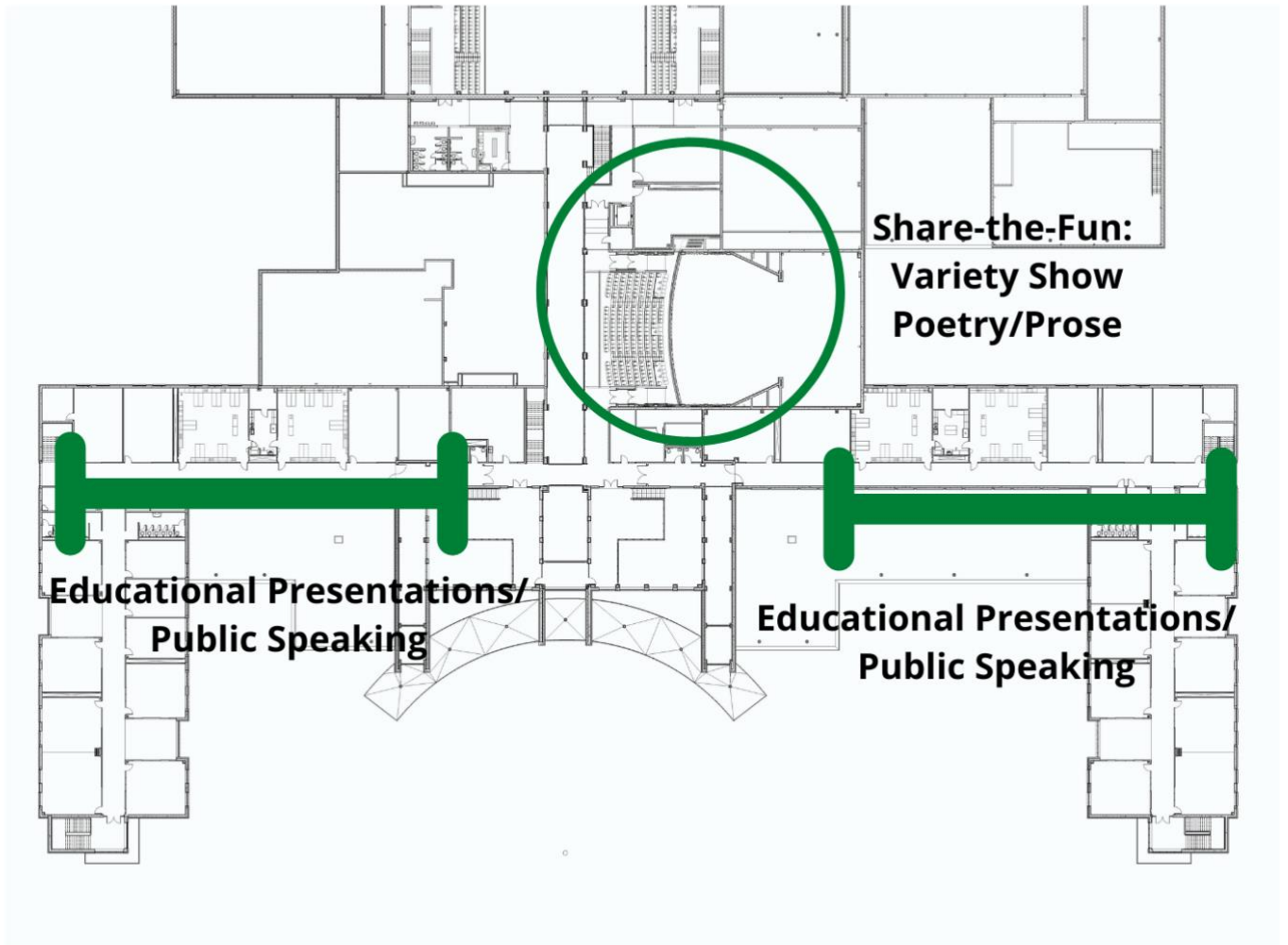
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# District 8 4-H Roundup

*West High School-Second Floor*

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## DISTRICT 8 4-H ROUNDUP

*Schedule & Locations • West, Texas • Saturday, May 6, 2023*

### 4-H Talent Showcase Schedule

Schedule		All locations are TBD
7:45 am	Agents & Council Officers Arrive	
7:45 am	Superintendents check their room set-up ( <i>before Orientation</i> )	<i>See list below</i>
8:00 – 8:15 am	4-H Talent Showcase Superintendents & Judges Check-in	Teacher’s Lounge
8:15 am	4-H Talent Showcase Superintendents & Judges Orientation	Teacher’s Lounge
9:00 am	4-H Talent Showcase Opening Assembly & Orientation	Auditorium
9:30 am	Contestant Check-in ( <i>in contest rooms</i> ) (4-H Talent Showcase)	<i>See list below</i>
9:45 am	Contests Begin ( <i>in contest rooms</i> ) (4-H Talent Showcase)	<i>See list below</i>

*Awards will be immediately following judging in each contest room.*

Share the Fun Room Locations	
Tabulation	Teacher’s Lounge
Information/Photo Area	Cafeteria
4-H Talent Showcase – ROOM O 4-H Skit, Jr/INT Poetry Prose	Downstairs Classroom
4-H Talent Showcase – ROOM P Choreographed Routine	Auditorium (Stage)
4-H Talent Showcase –ROOM Q Jr Musical/Instrumental, Jr Vocal, Int. Solo/Band, Int. Variety	
4-H Talent Showcase – ROOM R Int. Vocal, Int. Musical/Inst.	Band Ensemble Room 1
4-H Talent Showcase – ROOM T Sr. Musical/Instrumental	
4-H Talent Showcase – ROOM U Sr. Poetry/Prose Sr. Variety Show	Second Floor Auditorium
4-H Talent Showcase – ROOM V Sr. Solo Band	Band Ensemble Room 2
4-H Talent Showcase – ROOM W Sr. Vocal	Downstairs Classroom

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10:30 am	Superintendents & Judges Orientation	Teacher's Lounge
10:45 am	Opening Assembly & Orientation	Cafeteria
11:00 am	Contestant Check-in ( <i>in contest rooms</i> ) ( <i>Educational Presentations, Public Speaking</i> )	<i>See list below</i>
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Tabulation	Teacher's Lounge
Information/Photo Area	Cafeteria
Educational Presentation Room A	Second Floor-Classroom
Educational Presentation Room B	Second Floor-Classroom
Educational Presentation Room C	Second Floor-Classroom
Educational Presentation Room D	Second Floor-Classroom
Educational Presentation Room F	Second Floor-Classroom
Educational Presentation Room H	Second Floor-Classroom
Educational Presentation Room J	Second Floor-Classroom
Educational Presentation Room K	Second Floor-Classroom
Educational Presentation Room L	Second Floor-Classroom
Educational Presentation Room M	Second Floor-Classroom
Educational Presentation Room N	Second Floor-Classroom