Guidelines for NEOTA Children’s Talent Day

Drawing and Coloring Contest (Pre-K to Grade 3)

• Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade participants will be given 45 minutes to color the given picture.
• Each participant will be provided with the coloring sheet and a box of crayons.
• Contestants may decorate the sheet with provided crayons or any other color pencils they choose to bring with them.
• 2nd and 3rd grade participants will be given a topic to draw and color the picture in 45 minutes.
• Each participant will be provided with the blank sheet of 8.5”X11” paper, a pencil and box for crayons.
• Participants may use their creativity to draw a picture that depicts the topic selected and color with the provided box of crayons or any other pencils that they choose to bring with them.
• All participants will be judged on creativity, neatness, imaginative, use of color and overall skills.

Elocution (4th to 6th grade)

• Each participant will get 3 minutes to speak; a warning bell will be rung after 2.5 minutes giving the participant 30 seconds to close.
• Evaluation will be based on Originality, Clarity, Presentation and Content.
• The topics for elocution will be published online and also sent via email to all registered participants ONE WEEK before the event.

Essay Writing (7th to 9th grade)

• Participants will be given 45 minutes to write their essays.
• Evaluation will be based on Originality of thought, Clarity of expression, Vocabulary, Factual information and adherence to the topic.
• Essay writing will happen in the background at the same time as Elocution competition is conducted.
• The topic for essay will be sent via email to all registered participants at 12pm on the day of the event.

Impromptu Speech (7th to 9th grade)

• The use of the lectern/podium and the selection and use of a microphone are optional for each contestant.
• Contestants shall receive the same topic, which shall be of a general nature and shall speak for two minutes. The topic shall not require a detailed knowledge but should lead to an opinion or conclusion.
• Speeches shall be two minutes long. Contestants who speak for less than one minute or more than two minutes 30 seconds shall be disqualified.
• Timing will begin with the contestant’s first definite verbal or non-verbal communication with the audience. This usually will be the first word uttered by the contestant, but would include any other communication such as sound effects, a staged act by another person, etc.
• In the event of technical failure of the signal, a speaker is allowed 30 seconds extra overtime before being disqualified.
• There will be one minute of silence between contestants, during which the judges will mark their ballots.
• Protests will be limited to judges and contestants. The chief judge’s word will be final.

TARJUMA Guidelines (PreK to 6th grade)