Criteria	Exceeds the standard	Meets the standard	Almost meets the standard	Does not meet the standard
Speaks audibly, clearly and	☐ Projects voice	□ Voice audible	□ Voice a bit too soft	□ Voice not audible
expressively	Speaks very clearly: Enunciates very distinctly Appropriate pace Completely fluid speech Minimal or no pronunciation errors Very expressive intonation	Speaks clearly: ☐ Enunciates clearly enough to be understood ☐ Appropriate pace ☐ Mostly fluid speech ☐ Mostly correct pronunciation ☐ Appropriate and expressive intonation	Needs to improve clarity: ☐ Does not enunciate enough to be consistently understood ☐ Inappropriate pace ☐ Comprehensible pronunciation ☐ Intonation somewhat inexpressive.	Does not speak clearly: ☐ Does not enunciate enough to be understood ☐ Inappropriate pace ☐ Incorrect pronunciation; prevents comprehension ☐ Non-expressive
Employs verbal and non-verbal messages to enhance presentation	Verbal: ☐ Skillfully uses an engaging style of presentation well-suited to its purpose and audience ☐ Minimal or no grammatical errors ☐ Organization skillful, logical and appropriate for purpose Non-verbal: ☐ Skillfully uses appropriate non-verbal techniques to emphasize content. (May include gestures, objects and/or	Verbal: ☐ Uses a style of presentation suited to its purpose and audience ☐ Few grammatical errors ☐ Organization logical and appropriate for purpose Non-verbal: ☐ Uses appropriate non-verbal techniques to emphasize content. (May include gestures, objects and/or technology.)	Verbal: ☐ Uses a style of presentation not well-suited to its purpose and audience ☐ Several grammatical errors ☐ Organization lacks logic or purpose Non-verbal: ☐ Occasionally uses appropriate non-verbal techniques to emphasize content. (May include gestures, objects and/or technology.)	Verbal: ☐ Lacking a style of presentation ☐ Does not use correct grammar ☐ Lack of organization and purpose Non-verbal: ☐ Does not use any non-verbal techniques to emphasize content. (May include gestures, objects and/or technology.)

Shows depth of	☐ Clearly and	☐ Defines topic,	☐ Topic stated without	☐ Topic not stated or
understanding	thoroughly defines topic,	maintains focus.	clear definition	defined
	skillfully maintains focus.	☐ Supports main idea	□ Needs more	☐ Neglects to support
	☐ Richly supports main	with evidence as	evidence to support main	main idea with any
	idea with pertinent and	necessary	idea as necessary.	evidence as necessary.
	compelling evidence as	☐ Synthesizes thoughts	☐ Ends with summative	=
	necessary.	to form a conclusion	conclusion	lacking conclusion
	☐ Synthesizes thoughts			
	to form an insightful			
	conclusion			
Demonstrates an	☐ Maintains	☐ Maintains eye	☐ Uses some eye	☐ Avoids eye contact
awareness of	meaningful eye contact	contact with audience.	contact.	with audience.
audience	with audience.	☐ Engages the	☐ Attempts to engage	☐ Does not engage the
	☐ Creatively and	audience	the audience but needs	audience
	consistently engages the	☐ Uses an appropriate	improvement	☐ Random or
	audience	variety of related	☐ Vocabulary and	inappropriate vocabulary
	☐ Uses a rich variety of	vocabulary and structures	structures too brief,	and structures
	related vocabulary and	☐ Responds to most	simple, repetitious or	☐ Does not respond to
	structures	audience questions and	unrelated to subject	audience questions and
	☐ Appropriately	feedback	☐ Attempts to respond	feedback
	responds to all audience		to audience questions and	
	questions and feedback		feedback	