

Penalties for Literary Violations 2027

Event	Infraction	Penalty	Official
Essay	Evidence of Plagiarism, Cheating, or Copying	Disqualification	Essay Room Monitor and Event Coordinator or GHSA Rep
	Failure to Write in Blue or Black Ink	No penalty, but could affect "Style & Sophistication" score	Judges (Individual decision if the handwriting was distracting/illegible.)
Extemporaneous Speaking	Accesses or Attempts to Access Internet	Disqualification	Prep Room Monitor and Event Coordinator or GHSA Rep
	Overtime	Will be scored, but cannot be ranked	Timekeeper & Tabulator
	Uses more than one notecard or something other than a notecard	Will be scored, but cannot be ranked	Judges (Should confer after scoring and both must agree.)
Literary Interpretation	Undertime or Overtime	Will be scored, but cannot be ranked	Timekeeper & Tabulator
	Selection Does Not Meet Criteria: Source Material	Will be scored, but cannot be ranked	Judges (Should confer after scoring and both must agree.)
	Selection Does Not Meet Criteria: Character Requirements	No penalty, but could affect scoring in several categories	Judges (Individual decision as they score.)
Music Events	Overtime	Will be scored, but cannot be ranked	Timekeeper & Tabulator
	Choice of Music Does Not Match Requirements	Will be scored, but cannot be ranked	Judges (Should confer after scoring and both must agree.)
	No Music Presented	Will be scored, but cannot be ranked	Timekeeper & Tabulator