

4-H Public Presentation Progression Chart



4-H Public Presentations is a progressive program that allows youth participants the opportunity to advance to more challenging levels of evaluation through a coordinated series of events, each taking place in a different setting. *Each time a presenter is evaluated, they then have an opportunity to fine-tune their presentation before taking it to the next level. The higher a participant advances, the more competitive the program becomes.* It is through the evaluation process that 4-H members experience mastery, gain valuable skills in listening to the recommendations of others, and continue to develop confidence in themselves.

LEVEL 1: 4-H Club / Classroom Presentations

4-H Members begin their public speaking training at the club/classroom level by selecting a topic of interest, preparing a presentation and then delivering it to their peers during a 4-H Club Meeting.



LEVEL 2: 4-H County Public Presentations

All 4-H'ers (5-19 years old) are then invited to give their presentation to a community audience at a county-wide event in front of trained volunteer Evaluators. The Evaluators constructively critique each presentation, using the Danish System (see The Danish System on page 6) as the primary method of evaluation, and provide positive feedback as well as suggestions for improvement.



LEVEL 3: 4-H District Public Presentations

Those youth (ages 9 & up) who demonstrate the readiness for a more challenging presentation, are given an opportunity to advance to the next level – District (Regional) 4-H Public Presentations. At this level, using the same – but more polished – presentation, presenters speak to a moving audience in a public venue, once again being critiqued by trained Evaluators. (Some counties may also invite 4-H Members to give their Public Presentation at the NYS Fair and/or a county fair. Please be sure to check with your 4-H Educator). *Please Note: Advancing to District Presentations is a progressive process and therefore is evaluated on a higher standard than at the County Level.*



LEVEL 4: NYS 4-H Public Presentations Event

Each year, three 4-H teens (ages 13 & up) from every county in NY, who have demonstrated exceptional public presentation skills, are selected to advance to the highest level, and give their presentation at the NYS 4-H Public Presentations Event, which takes place at Cornell University. *Please Note: Advancing to NYS Presentations is a progressive process and therefore is evaluated on even a higher standard than at the District Level.*