A Project Citizen hearing provides an opportunity for students to share in a public forum what they have learned about a community problem and how they are proposing to solve it through the public policymaking process. The presentation will be made by four different groups of students, each presenting a different aspect of the entire group’s research and their recommendation for a public policy.

When evaluating each group, consider the Criteria for Evaluation (on the next page) for that group of students and then use the rating scale. Give only one whole numeric rating (1–10) for each of the five sections of the Criteria for Evaluation.

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### Understanding of the Problem
- States and explains the problem and its causes and presents evidence that there is a problem
- Demonstrates an understanding of issues involved in the problem
- Demonstrates an understanding of existing or proposed public policies
- Explains disagreements about the problem that may exist in the community
- Explains why government should be involved in the solution

### Analysis of Alternative Policies
- Presents two or three alternative public policies to address the problem
- Explains advantages and disadvantages of each alternative policy presented
- Identifies controversies and conflicts that need to be addressed for each alternative

### Public Policy Development and Persuasiveness
- States a public policy that addresses the problem and identifies the government branch or agency responsible for enacting their proposed public policy
- Supports their proposed public policy with reasoning and evidence
- Identifies and explains advantages and disadvantages of their proposed public policy
- Explains and supports the reasons why their proposed public policy is constitutional

### Implementation of an Action Plan
- Identifies individuals and groups, both supporters and opponents, who will need to be influenced
- Identifies government officials, both supporters and opponents, who will need to be influenced
- Outlines and explains an action process for getting their proposed public policy enacted
- Proposes action that builds and expands on evidence presented in previous panels

### Overall Hearing
- Constructs a clear and convincing sequence from one group to the next
- Uses and documents research from multiple sources and makes reference to sources and research evidence used
- References relevant and appropriate graphics and written information
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- Uses standards of good oral presentation (pace, projection, articulation, poise, eye contact)
- Shares speaking responsibility while making the presentation
- Includes evidence of reflection that states what the students learned

### TOTAL POINTS AWARDED