

## Criteria for Evaluation

Each participant shall be given a score by a panel of judges, based on how the participant chants. The participant's score shall be the average of the scores awarded by all the judges in the panel.

Breakdown of points for all groups chanting from memory is listed in the table below.

Memory	Pronunciation	Presentation	Total
50 Points	40 Points	10 Points	100 Marks

Breakdown of points for Kaunteya group, reading the verses, is listed in the table below:

Pronunciation	Vocabulary Test	Presentation	Total
65 Points	25 Points	10 Marks	100 Marks

Breakdown of points for adult group reading the verses is listed in the table below:

Pronunciation	Presentation	Total
80 Marks	20 Marks	100 Marks

## Definition of terms

**Memory** is the ability to chant the specified portion as required by the panel of judges without any break, hesitation or confusion.

**Pronunciation** is the ability to chant the verses correctly according to the pronunciation rules of Sanskrit.

Note:

Common pronunciation challenges and guidelines for correct pronunciation of Sanskrit Text can be found in the Chanting Guide provided in the website. The audio and hand-out provided by Chinmaya Mission Tri-State Center as learning-aids, shall be used as the baseline for pronunciation and text. Exceptions to this rule, if any, shall be specified in the Chanting Guide as well.

**Vocabulary Test** shall be based on the word list provided in the Vocabulary List for Chapter 14. There are 25 words provided for this chapter. The test shall include multiple choice questions, match the word to the meaning, and free response definitions.

**Presentation** refers to posture, audibility, confidence, and, attitude.

Note: Tune shall not be a criterion for judgment.

Please refer to the [verse allotment table](#) listed below for the number of verses assigned to a specific group.

GROUP	GRADE	VERSES
Arjuna	Pre K , KG	1-5
Bharata	Grades 1-2	1-15
Partha	Grades 3-4	1-20
Rishiksha	Grades 5-6	1-25
Dhananjaya	Grades 7-8	1-27
Keshava	Grades 9-12	1-27
Kaunteya ★✎	Grades 9-12	1-27
Parantapa	— (Adults)	1-27
Mahabaho ★	— (Adults)	1-27
<p>★Groups reading the Verses All other groups are required to memorize the verses.</p> <p>✎ Group required to take the Vocabulary Quiz</p> <p>Kiriti, the Toddlers, shall chant 5 verses, during Regionals. They will not be evaluated.</p>		