To advance to SBTC State Finals in Grapevine, both drillers and speakers must have a score of excellent or above (excellent, superior, or outstanding). There will be a maximum of 12 drillers in the Youth Drill, 12 drillers in the High School Drill, and 12 Speakers competing at the SBTC State Finals.

For the National Invitational Tournament (NIT), students representing SBTC must have the top score in their category (youth, high school and speakers') at the state finals.

Use of Bonus Points in Calculating Scores for Youth and High School Drillers
The raw scores (no bonus points added) will be used to determine the first-place winner in all three categories. Bonus points will only be used as a tie breaker when needed.

Determination of Winner at State Finals in the Event of a Tie
At the state finals, if there is a tie for first place, and if the addition of bonus points does not resolve that tie, a short tie-breaker drill will be conducted.

Advancing Formula for the Youth Bible Drill and High School Bible Drill
The top-scoring driller from youth and high school in each regional location (Euless, Spring, and Odessa) will automatically advance to the SBTC State Finals.

The remaining nine Bible Drill finalists from each division (youth and high school) will be selected based on the highest scores from all three regional locations and will be notified on Wednesday following the final regional drill. Bonus points will be used in this selection as noted above.

Advancing Formula for the Speakers' Tournament
The top-scoring speaker from each regional location (Euless, Spring, and Odessa) will automatically advance to the SBTC State Finals.

The remaining nine speaker finalists will be selected based on the highest scores from all three regional locations and will be notified on Wednesday following the final regional competition. **All advancing speakers must have a regional score of excellent or above.**