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WHAT IS POETRY OUT LOUD?

Poetry Out Loud (POL) is a national arts education program that encourages high school students to learn about poetry through memorization and recitation.

This free program, consisting of local, regional, state, and a national recitation contest is offered to every high school student in Pennsylvania!

Region 5 includes Northampton, Lehigh, Carbon, and Monroe counties.

GETTING INVOLVED

Individual or groups of teachers, school clubs, the entire school, or community organizations may participate by hosting a local level competition!

Home-school or students unable to participate in a local level competition may contact their regional POL coordinator to discuss opportunities for inclusion.

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WHAT MUST STUDENTS DO?

Students will participate in a local level Poetry Out Loud competition through their school or a participating community organization.

Each student chooses a poem from the POL anthology to memorize and recite. Nearly 800 poems are included online at poetryoutloud.org

Watch example recitation videos here: https://www.poetryoutloud.org/watch-recitation-videos/

THE WINNER

Each school or organization's winner will then participate in the regional contest scheduled for January 29, 2025 at 6:00PM. The Region 5 Contest will be held at the ArtsQuest Center.

Students will prepare (3) poems to recite. The regional winner will go on to compete in the state contest in March.