



POETRY OUT LOUD



20 YEARS

One-Sheet – All You Need for ArtsPath 2024-25 Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition

[ArtsPath](#) is the organization that partners with the PA Council on the Arts to provide Arts-in-Education services, including POL, for Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana, and Jefferson counties.

[Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest \(POL\)](#): The main POL website. **Literally everything you need is on the site.** Your high school's champion will participate in one of the 14 regional finals from around PA and the winner of each regional competition will compete in the state competition on March 3 in Harrisburg at the State Museum. The PA state champion will compete in the national finals on May 5-7, 2025 in Washington, D.C.

- Includes searchable database of hundreds of eligible poems.
- You can also find all forms/information to run POL on the [Poetry Out Loud page of the ArtsPath website](#).

[POL Virtual Competitions & Filming Requirements](#): Needed ONLY if you elect to run your classroom and school programs in a virtual format instead of in-person. *In PA, all regional competitions and the state will be in-person, as will the national competition. Running an in-person program is HIGHLY recommended!*

- Individual teachers or a group of teachers, a school club, an entire school, or homeschoolers may participate.
- Teachers may determine the extent of their participation – from incorporating POL into a unit of study to offering POL as an extra credit or after school project – or use some or all of the lesson plans offered on-line.

Whatever type of program you plan to implement, the end result should be **one winner from your school who will attend the ArtsPath Regional Competition on February 3, 2025 on the IUP Main Campus** (location TBA in January). The snow date is February 5, same time and location.

[2024-25 POL Teacher's Guide](#): *Poetry Out Loud* encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. This guide contains **everything** you need for a successful competition, and offers suggestions so you can **customize** the program to meet **your** time and schedule constraints.

[Lesson Plans](#): **Free, standards-based curriculum materials** are available for schools, teachers, and students.

- Studying literature, including poetry, addresses at least three Anchor Assessments as per the PA Core ELA Standards: Speaking and Listening (SL. 9-10, SL 12-11), Reading (RL. 9-10, RL 11-12), and Language (L. 9-10, L 11-12). You may refer to the [Teachers & Organizers](#) section of the POL website for more information regarding [NCTE and Common Core Standards](#) and for more ideas and information on how to incorporate POL into your curriculum.
- Teachers and students have access to [POL website support resources](#) that include more than 1,000 poems, media guides and more.

The Two Most Important Dates!

- **January 10, 2025** – Last day to submit Registration Form (earlier before Christmas break is better!)
- **February 3, 2025** – School Champions compete in the **6:00 p.m.** ArtsPath Regional Competition.
-- **Please note the start time!**

Questions?

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