

What is Poetry Out Loud?

POETRY OUT LOUD is a fun and dynamic way to introduce students to poetry. Students improve their analytical skills through reading and interpreting works from an anthology of nearly 1,000 published poems. The program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. POL is a great way to bring poetry alive for both students and teachers!

REGISTER [HERE](#) BY OCTOBER 15

NEW IN 2020:

- All POL competitions beyond the school level will be conducted using video submissions of student recitations.
- Students unaffiliated with a participating school or homeschool network may have the opportunity to compete with a group of peers, under the guidance of the Nebraska English Language Arts Council. Contact NAC for details (linda.hilliar@nebraska.gov)

More about POL:

- All Nebraska high schools are welcome to participate.
- POL is free of charge.
- Students compete for over \$50,000 in state and national prizes and scholarships.
- POL meets many Nebraska ELA and Theatre standards, as well as NCTE standards. Find lesson plans aligned with standards on the [Nebraska Arts Council website](#).
- Teachers have many choices about how they run the POL program and school competition.
 - Include many classes, one class, or let students self-select.
 - Make it required or optional for students.
 - Carry out your POL program during class or after-school.
- It is easy to carry out an in-school program over a 2-3 week period, using a small portion of class time.
- NAC will provide personalized assistance to help teachers get started.
- NAC will cover the cost of virtual coaching visits by Nebraska Arts Council teaching artists with expertise in poetry and performance.

Learn more at the [POETRY OUT LOUD WEBSITE](#)

Follow our [NEBRASKA POL](#) page on Facebook.

Nebraska POL Calendar 2020-21

October 15	School registration deadline
October 15 – November 5	Individual Student registration available Students unaffiliated with a participating school may sign-up to compete with a group of peers, under the guidance of the Nebraska English Language Arts Council.
September – February	Conduct in-school POL programs <i>Students conduct in-school POL programs, schedule virtual artist visits (optional), and compete in-school with one or two poem recitations.</i>
February 10	Video submissions are due for the State Semi-Finals Competition <i>School champs submit videos of two poem recitations.</i>

February 17	State finalists notified
February 26	Video submissions are due for State Finals Competition <i>Semi-Finalists submit videos of three recitations.</i>
March 12	State finals recording published and state champ announced
April 2021	Virtual National Finals

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:

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