



*Encouraging the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance.*

### **Rules of the Game - Poetry Out Loud Guidelines to remember**

- Poetry Out Loud is a free program, open to all public, private, and home schooled high school students in New Hampshire.
- National Endowment for the Arts' guidelines require multi-classroom participation in individual school competitions. A minimum of two classes, grades 9-12, is required.
- Students must choose poems from the NEA Poetry Out Loud web site.
- At least one adult representative of the school must plan on attending the regional semi finals competition (March 8-12) and (if applicable) the state-wide final competition on March 20.
- Each school must have at least one contact person (two is better) to coordinate the school's competition. Coordinators are required to attend a one-day professional development orientation and planning session at the N.H. State Council on the Arts in Concord, Sept. 23, 2009. Schools with three or more years of experience may exempt themselves.

### **Contact Info for Questions:**

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Home school applicants, please contact Rodger Martin for more information.

### **Important Dates:**

- **September 11, 2009:** *RSVP by this date if you will attend the Information Meeting*
- **September 16, 2009,** 4 to 5 p.m.: Information Meeting at the NHSCA, 2 1/2 Beacon St., Concord, for schools desiring further information. (*This is for new-to-the-program schools.*)  
*RSVP by 9/11/09 to Rodger Martin or Cynthia Robinson*
- **September 18, 2009:** *RSVP by this date if you will attend the Orientation Day*
- **Sept. 23, 2009,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Professional Development Orientation Day at the N.H. State Council on the Arts, 2 1/2 Beacon St., Concord, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
*RSVP by 9-18-09 to Rodger Martin or Cynthia Robinson*
- **October 15, 2009:** Registration Postmark Deadline for Application Form
- **October, 2009-February 19, 2010:** Poetry Out Loud curriculum & high school competitions time
- **February 19, 2010:** Deadline for completing School Championships
- **March 8-12, 2010:** Regional Semi Finals Competitions – dates/sites TBD
- *March 15-19, 2010: Regional Semi Finals Competitions Snow Dates – dates/sites TBD*
- **March 20, 2010:** N.H. State Finals Championship, Keene State College
- *March, 27 2010: N.H. State Finals Championship Snow Date*
- **April 25-27, 2010:** National Championship in Washington, D.C.

More details about the program plus many valuable resources may be found at the Poetry Out Loud website at: <http://www.poetryoutloud.org>.



**2010 POETRY OUT LOUD**

**APPLICATION FORM**

Please submit only ONE registration form per school  
Registration Postmark Deadline: October 9, 2009

Please type or print neatly!

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Phone/ extension: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Poetry Out Loud Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_

Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Our school is interested in participating in the *Poetry Out Loud* Project.

\_\_\_ At least one coordinating teacher from each school is required to attend the Professional Development Orientation Day at the N.H. State Council on the Arts, 2 1/2 Beacon St., Concord, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on Sept.23, 2009, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. RSVP to Cynthia Robinson or Rodger Martin by 9-18-09. If your school has done this for three or more years, you may exempt yourself or send a teacher new to the program.

Please indicate your **projected participants** on the chart below. (You may copy this sheet to indicate names of additional teachers. We welcome as many participating classrooms as interested). A minimum of 2 classes must be involved; participants must be in grades 9-12.

	Teacher Name	Email Address	School Phone & Ext.	Home Phone	Grade Level	# Of Students/ classes
1						
2						
3						
4						
<b>Total Students Participating From Our School</b>						

**Access Needs:**

If a participant has a disability and requires accommodations to fully participate, please indicate accommodations required prior to March 1, 2010.

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail or fax (603-271-3584) this registration form to:**

Catherine O'Brian, Arts Education Coordinator. (if faxing, please also send hard copy with original signatures.)

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