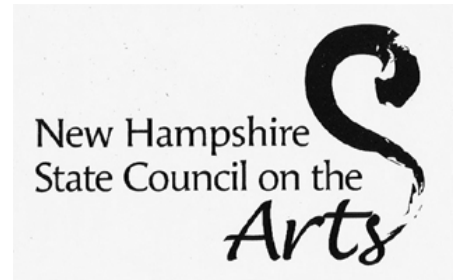




**NATIONAL
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The 2012-2013 New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud Competition

Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country.

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*The NH State Council on the Arts
The National Endowment for the Arts The Poetry Foundation*

With support from...

*The New Hampshire Writers Project
The Poetry Society of New Hampshire
Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire
The Frost Place in Franconia*

Join us for our eighth annual program, where high school students from around New Hampshire will bring great poetry to life and compete for recognition, prizes and college scholarships !

New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2011-2012 Participating Schools:

*Academy for Science and Design
Alvirne High School
Belmont High School
Bishop Brady High School
Bow High School
Cocheco Arts & Technology
Academy
Coe Brown Northwood Academy
Concord High School
CONVAL High School
Derryfield School
Dover High School
Exeter High School*

*Goffstown High School
Holderness School
Hopkinton Middle/High School
Jesse Remington High School
John Stark Regional High School
Kearsarge High School
Keene Public Library
Kingswood Regional High School
Lebanon High School
LinWood Public School
Milford High School
Newfound Regional High School
Newmarket High School*

*Oyster River High School
Pembroke Academy
Pinkerton Academy
Plymouth Regional High School
Portsmouth High School
Souhegan High School
Spaulding High School
St. Thomas Aquinas High
School
Timberlane High School
Windham High School
Winnacunnet High School
Woodsville High School*

New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2012-2013 Guidelines to remember:

- New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2012-2013 is a free program, open to all public, private and home-schooled high school students in New Hampshire.
- NH Poetry Out Loud is limited to the first 40 schools to register. This year, schools may register online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NHPOLSchoolRegistration2012-13>
- The National Endowment for the Arts' guidelines require multi-classroom participation in individual school competitions. A minimum of 2 classes in grades 9-12 is required.
- Students must choose poems from the National Endowment for the Arts' Poetry Out Loud website. www.poetryoutloud.org
- Each school must have at least one contact person to coordinate that school's competition. The contact person must be a school employee. ***This year, we are strongly suggesting that schools designate 2 teachers to supervise the program.*** Each school is required to send a representative to a half day or evening professional development orientation.
- In addition to the competing student, at least one adult representative of the school must attend the regional semi-finals competition and, if applicable, the state-wide final competition.
- **Home school applicants:** please contact the POL Coordinator (see below) for specific information.
- **Access Needs:** If a student has a disability and requires accommodation to fully participate in semi-final events, please indicate accommodations required prior to February 20, 2013.
- **Teacher Support:** This year, we will post questions, comments, tips, resources for teachers on the NH POL teachers Blog: <http://nhpoetryoutloudteachers.blogspot.com/>

NH Poetry Out Loud 2012-2013 Important Dates:

ORIENTATION SESSIONS: Required for all participating schools

CHOOSE ONE :

October 3, 2012, 1-4 pm, Holderness School

October 10, 2012, 5:30-8:30 pm, PSU Graduate Studies, 2 Pillsbury St. Concord

October 17, 2012, 1-4pm, Hopkinton High School

RSVP by October 1, to Cynthia Robinson. Contact information below.

- **November 1, 2012:** Registration Postmark Deadline for school registration form.
- **October, 2012 - February, 2013:** New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2012-2013 curriculum and competitions.
- **February 17, 2013:** 3-6pm, Celebration and Clinic for all student champions and alternates (site TBD)
- **February 22, 2013:** Deadline for completing School Championships.
- **March 1, 2013:** Deadline for submitting school champion/alternate champions' semi finals information forms.
- **March 4-11, 2013:** Regional Semi Finals Competitions (specific dates/sites TBD).
- **March 11-17, 2013:** NH State Finals Championship (specific date TBD)
- **March 18, 2013:** Snow date NH State Finals Championship (tentative date)
- **March 22, 2013:** Deadline for submitting names of NH POL State Champion & Alternate
- **April 29-30, 2013:** National Championship in Washington, DC.

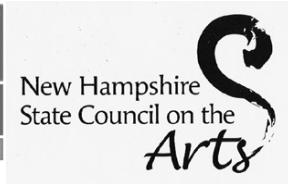
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More details about the program, plus many valuable resources may be found at the national Poetry Out Loud website at: www.poetryoutloud.org .



An Invitation to Participate in New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2012-2013

Dear Principal, Teacher, and/or Language Arts Coordinator,

We invite your high school to participate in New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2012-2013!

Poetry Out Loud is an exciting and **free** program that allows New Hampshire's students to experience the thrill of public speaking and to be part of a growing interest in performing poetry. This national competition and its accompanying curriculum, aim to encourage the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance. Poetry Out Loud is a dynamic and flexible program that helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage. It builds on the current resurgence of the spoken word as an art form, inviting the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word and theater into the classroom.

How does it work?

New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud 2012-2013 consists of a three-week curriculum, provided by the National Endowment for the Arts that can be varied to fit a school's needs. Poetry Out Loud uses a pyramid structure. Beginning at the classroom level, winners advance to a school-wide level, then on to our New Hampshire Semi Finals level, then to our New Hampshire State Finals level, and ultimately to the National Competition held in Washington, DC.

The winner of the New Hampshire State Final competition receives \$200 and all-expenses paid trip for the student and one chaperone to participate in the national competition in Washington, DC, in April, 2013. Additionally his/her school receives \$500 for the purchase of poetry books. The individual state runner-up receives \$100, with an additional \$200 award to his/her school for poetry books.

New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud provides support and materials for teachers as well as two group meetings: an information meeting for schools new to the program and the required Teacher Orientation Session. See attached information sheet for details.

More details about the national Poetry Out Loud program plus many valuable resources may be found at the Poetry Out Loud website at: www.poetryoutloud.org. For information on New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud visit: www.nh.gov/nharts. Look for the "Poetry Out Loud" box on the home page!

This year the NH Poetry Out Loud program is open to the first 40 NH high schools or home schooler groups that register. Print out a registration or go green and register online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NHPOLSchoolRegistration2012-13> So complete your registration form right away, to secure your school's spot!

We look forward to welcoming your school to this important statewide program!

Sincerely,

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