



POETRY OUT LOUD

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Dear New Hampshire English Teachers, Department Chairs and Principals,

Welcome to the 12th year of *Poetry Out Loud* in New Hampshire! Registration is now open!

We are accepting applications to the program from all NH public, private, and charter high schools. Priority will be given to schools that participated last year, until September 9, 2016. New schools will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The program is limited to 40 schools.

What is Poetry Out Loud?

- A free and fun curricular unit that deeply engages students in our nation's literary heritage through classic poetry.
- An opportunity for your students to compete in school, regional, and state-wide competitions.
- A national model in poetry instruction that is supported by the NH State Council on the Arts, NH Writers Project, National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation.
- A teacher-friendly, flexible program that can be integrated into the English Language Arts curriculum with curriculum materials which support the English Language Arts, History, and Theatre Arts standards. To learn more about these connections check the Poetry Out Loud Teacher's Guide at www.poetryoutloud.org.
- Free training and resources which include a teachers' manual, professional development clinics for educators, poetry recitation and public speaking clinics for students, access to our updated online poetry anthology, state-wide teachers' blog, and resources.

To Learn More:

Visit the [NH State Council on the Arts to learn more about Poetry Out Loud](#) in New Hampshire and the resources that are available to support your school in implementing the program.

To Register Visit:

We encourage you to [register electronically](#), however you can also download a hard copy of the registration form and other key program materials [on the POL webpage](#). To register you will need to identify the lead POL coordinators for your school, estimate the number of students and classrooms participating, let us know how many years you have participated in the program, and alert us to any teaching resources that would be helpful to you in implementing the program.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by phone or email. We look forward to partnering with your school to meet curricular goals through this innovative program.

Sincerely,

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