

Poetry Recitation Information:

1. Each school may enter four participants in each language and level, plus one alternate. All students must meet eligibility requirements before being registered.
2. The alternate replaces a student who is unable to participate. If all four original registered participants are present, **the alternate may still present for practice only, but is not eligible to place.**
3. Each student must memorize two poems from the approved list, the required and one alternate.
4. Efforts will be made to change poetry every five years or less.
5. Native speakers may not present the same poems more than one year.
6. Contestants must earn 80% or better for first place, 70% or better for second place and 60% or better for third place.
7. Students who do not complete or present the second poem are not eligible to place at the regional competition, and may not continue on to state.
8. Limited gestures are allowed, extensive elaborate staged blocking is not!
9. Props are not allowed.
10. Singing is not allowed.
11. Students who start over or who must be prompted by the judges will receive a five point deduction each time. However, if a student must start over due to a disruption (such as a door opening), there will be no deduction.
12. Recitations will be open to the public, but viewers will be required to remain in the room until a break. Viewers and judges will be requested to turn off cell phones, beepers, etc. Parents with cameras will only be allowed to film their own son or daughter, not other contestants.

13. Letter jackets or other clothing identifying the school or region of the contestant may not be worn during competition.

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