



MARYLAND POETRY OUT LOUD TIMELINE - 2018-2019 PROGRAM

- Mar 11 - Oct.11** Open registration period. All participating teachers must register by 5 pm, **October 11, 2019**. The form must be filled out every single year and emailed to Kayla Morgan: kayla.morgan@maryland.gov (Tool kits arrive in MSAC offices in mid-August but teachers may find resources early at www.poetryoutloud.org).
- Aug. - Oct. 11** Toolkits sent out to interested teachers/schools.
- Oct. 11-Dec. 13** POL Coordinators visit schools to present program; classroom preparation and school competitions; school winner reporting form provided. Competitions arranged.
- **Dec. 13**** Deadline for schools to report First Place Winner and Runner Up to the MSAC by 5 pm.

ONLY THE FIRST PLACE WINNER WILL ADVANCE TO REGIONALS (remember, county competitions have been eliminated).

The Runner Up will step in if the First Place Winner must bow out for any reason. **MSAC will need two week's notice of the change.** Last minute changes can't be accommodated.

FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

THREE (3) poems per competitor must be reported. Per NEA requirements:

- One must be 25 lines or less
- One must be pre-20th Century
- Note: one poem may fulfill both requirements, leaving the second and third choices "free" poems from the approved POL website list.

ALL THREE POEMS MUST BE REPORTED ON THE SCHOOL WINNER REPORTING FORM OR THE FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Poems must meet requirements or the STUDENT IS DISQUALIFIED.

The Winner Reporting Form and School Scores Form can be found on the Maryland Poetry Out Loud web page: <https://www.msac.org/poetry-out-loud>

Note: students should choose the order of the poems carefully. The third poem will only be recited if the student advances to the regional and/or regional and state competitions in the semi-final round.

Students and teachers should put regional and state competitions, including Nationals, on their calendars. If a student cannot make even just one of these competitions, he/she should not compete.

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****Months of January and February****

Regional competitions held on Saturdays – TBD – NEW LOCATIONS THIS YEAR

REGION ONE Northern/Western MD

REGION TWO Central/Southern MD

REGION THREE Eastern Shore

Check the MSAC website for full list of dates, times, locations. Dates will be available as soon as is possible, at least by November 15th. <https://www.msac.org/poetry-out-loud>

****Because of the cap on the number of participating schools, some counties may have to compete in a different region than in previous years to evenly distribute the number of students competing.****

Feb. 24 Deadline for completion of regional competitions and names of winners reported for the State Finals.

****Saturday, March 7, 2020****

Maryland State Poetry Out Loud Semi-Finals and Finals – LOCATION TBD

Participants should arrive no later than 10:45 am for video interview, a rehearsal, photos and sound/light check. Judges should arrive no later than 12:30 pm.

NATIONAL FINALS

TBD National Poetry Out Loud Finals held in Washington, DC. at Lisner Auditorium.