



WA State Poetry Out Loud 2021-22

All Students and Schools grades 9-12!

Poetry Out Loud (POL) is a national arts education program that builds on elements of slam poetry and spoken word to engage students with the power of literature. The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation partner with state arts agencies to offer Poetry Out Loud programs in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. The Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) coordinates the Washington State program.

POL School Registration: August 16 – November 19

- **Poetry Out Loud** is open to any school in Washington State grades 9-12.
- Participating schools are encouraged to identify 2-3 teachers with one POL program coordinator to manage school finals. *Exceptions may be made- Please contact us with questions.*
- Registered schools will work with a regional coordinator as school champions move on to compete in one of four regional finals. Regional champions will move on to the state final.
- **All students** are eligible for participation and advancement in this program.

NEW! POL Virtual: August 16 – November 19

- Individual **students** may register for Washington POL Virtual if they meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - The school they attend is not a participating/registered POL school
 - They are homeschooled
 - No more than 4 students from an individual school can registers for POL Virtual, (the school will be encouraged to register).
- Students participating in POL Virtual will need to access to a computer and reliable internet.
- POL Virtual will hold its own online competition. The champion will go on to represent POL Virtual at the in-person State Final in March (health and safety policies pending).
- **Teachers** new to POL may audit POL Virtual while their students participate in the program.
 - Teachers may only be enrolled in POL Starter for one program year.

Program Timeline

- Registration opens August 16, 2021
- Registration deadline: November 19, 2021
- Classroom Implementation/POL Virtual: between September 2021 and early January 2022
- School Finals deadline: January 21, 2022
- Regional Finals deadline: February 7, 2022; individual dates vary
- State Final: March 12, 2022
- National Finals: Spring of 2022 (*it was announced on 11.19.21 that the national competition would be held virtually again in 2022*)

For additional program information, and the online registration form, go to:

www.arts.wa.gov/arts-in-education/poetry-out-loud

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National **Poetry Out Loud** website: www.poetryoutloud.org