

"Poetry can be daunting. And to me, before this program, it was just another unit in my English class. But Poetry Out Loud has offered me a supportive platform outside of the classroom, and after three years of competing, I have developed a love for the art. "

-Sophia Weinzinger, 2018 Arizona State Champion



¹ learned that poetry is not about having pretty words or ideas. Poetry is about conveying a message, telling a story. I had not expected that. When I first did POL, I expected it to be similar to a spelling bee, that I just had to go up and recite and that was it. I have learned over the years that **poetry has emotion that must be conveyed by the**



—Caroline Delaney, 2018 Ohio State Champion

Visit PoetryOutLoud.Org for contest rules and regulations.

January 9-18– Select poems from Poetryoutloud.org and begin practicing!

January 22-25– Class activities and grade level competitions during ELA.

January 31– School competition to determine 1st place winners.

*The MHS HS winner will represent MHS at the State Finals which take place at the University of Florida, St. Petersburg's Grand Ball room on March 2.