



“This was the most positive reaction to poetry I have ever received from students. They were excited about it, so they actually engaged in the analysis process.”

English Teacher, Eastern Washington

Join the hundreds of teachers across Washington State who have seen how this dynamic national poetry recitation contest can help high school students connect with and analyze literature in new ways, while developing public speaking skills and self-confidence.

Poetry Out Loud offers teachers a complete package of free resources, including a searchable online anthology and a comprehensive Teacher’s Guide. The program is open to all schools serving students grades 9 - 12, and is aligned to state and national educational standards.

2016-17 School Registration: August 15 to November 18

For more information and to register online:

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



Jake Andrews, Ellensburg High School
Kittitas County - 2016 State Champion



Alex Hanesworth, Anacortes High School,
Skagit County - 2015 State Champion



Elizabeth Mo, Kamiakin High School,
Benton County - 2014 State Champion



Tom Zbyszewski, Liberty Bell High School,
Okanogan County – 2013 State Finalist



Langston Ward, Mead High School,
Spokane County - 2012 and 2013 State
Champion; 2013 National Champion

Finalists from Washington State Poetry Out Loud Competition, 2013 - 2016. *Photos by Jesse Michener.*



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CALENDAR	Aug 15	Registration opens
	Sept – Nov	Professional development opportunities
	Nov 18	Registration Deadline
	Sep – Jan	Program implementation in classrooms
	Jan – Feb	Regional Finals
	March 4	Washington State Final
	Apr 24-26	National Finals

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