

Poetry Out Loud National Poetry Recitation Contest

Each year, our high school students participate in Poetry Out Loud. This year's school competition will be held on January 21, 2025. One winner will be chosen to represent our school in the Massachusetts semi-finals in March. The winner from Massachusetts will compete in the National Finals in April, where the National Champion takes home \$20,000!

The deadline to register for our school competition is January 7th, 2025.

1. Select **three** poems from the online anthology at www.poetryoutloud.org.
 - a. At least one poem must be **written before the 20th century**.
 - b. At least one poem must be **25 lines or fewer**.
2. Go to poetry.mrspyne.com to register for the competition. You'll need to list the poems (and poets!) in the following order:
 - a. Your first two poems are the ones you will memorize for our school-wide competition on January 21. List them in the order you plan to perform them.
 - b. Your third poem is the one you will memorize IF you win the school-wide competition and advance to the Massachusetts semi-finals in March.
3. Memorize and recite your first **two poems** during our school-wide competition on **January 21**.
4. One winner will be chosen to represent Avon in the state semi-finals (to be held in person in March of 2025). That student will need to memorize their **third poem** for performance in the state competition.
5. Several students from the Massachusetts semi-finals will be chosen to advance to the state finals (to be held in person in March of 2025).
6. One winner will be chosen to represent Massachusetts in the National Competition (to be held in person in April of 2025).
7. The following prizes are awarded at the National Finals:

<i>National Champion - \$20,000</i>	<i>Third place - \$5,000</i>
<i>Second place - \$10,000</i>	<i>Fourth through ninth place - \$1,000</i>

Good luck!