

**Literature:
General Contest Policies**

1. In the interest of fairness, we ask for strict adherence to competition rules. Deviation from the guidelines is ground for disqualification.
2. Each school will be allowed two entries (one from grades 9-10 and one from grades 11-12) in the category of *Poetry Recitation*.
3. Students will recite a poem selected by the student and approved by the teacher (minimum 14 lines).
4. Each entry will include only one participant.
5. Memorization is required.
6. Street dress is mandatory. Props and costumes are not acceptable in this competition.
7. Three typed copies of the selected poem must be presented to the judges on May 7, 2016, just prior to the recitation.
8. Entries will be evaluated on the basis of the following:
 - Pronunciation
 - Interpretation (expressiveness, subtlety and correctness of scansion, rhythm, tone)
 - Stage presence (vocal steadiness, demeanor, attitude)
 - Level of difficulty