

Poetry Recitation

Students must have selected a poem from the choices provided by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, copies of which are available on the Language Fair website and distributed to the judges before the Fair. The poem selected must be recited from memory. Contestants will be judged on pronunciation, delivery and interpretation, and memorization.

Students sign up for the order in which they will present their poem. Judges should make sure to get the sign-up sheet before the competition begins. These will be posted outside the room where the event is taking place.

Students will bring a judging form, the top part of which they have filled out, and will give this to the judge before reciting the poem. The judge will use the form to judge the students as they recite.

Judging Criteria:

Pronunciation (40%), Delivery & Interpretation (40%), Memorization (20%)

WHO MAY COMPETE: Only foreign language students and speakers of cognate languages may participate in this event. Native and heritage speakers may NOT participate.

(Native and heritage speakers are defined as students who have been raised speaking the target language, or who have had one or more years of study in a school in which the working language is the same as that of the target language.)

LIMITS: Maximum of three entries per class.