The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and the California Arts Council is sponsoring

**Poetry Out Loud: County Recitation Contest**
For High School Students

An exciting program taking place in high schools throughout California!

**Winners can advance to a State and a National Competition!**

Open to all public and private schools, the program encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance, helping students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and appreciate the art of poetry. This activity also supports the Common Core English Language Arts Standards.

**Registration deadline November 10, 2017**

Direct Registration link: [http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1543-131055](http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1543-131055)

Deadline for poems and student finalists from schools on **January 12, 2018**

The Los Angeles County Finalist Competition will be on **Thursday, February 1, 2018**

at

*Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts*
12700 Center Court Drive Cerritos, CA 90703

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