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## Glendale Unified School District

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### NEWS ADVISORY

## Glendale USD hears Poetry, Out Loud

### *High school students to recite great poetry in competition*

GLENDALE, CA -- Students from Glendale high schools will compete in the opening stages of “Poetry Out Loud,” a national program that encourages youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation.

The Los Angeles County Office of Education and the California Arts Council sponsors “Poetry Out Loud.” In 2005, after a successful pilot program in Washington, D.C., and Chicago, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation launched “Poetry Out Loud” in high schools across the country.

The first round competition will take place Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 3:30 p.m., in the Glendale Unified School District Board Room. Students from Clark Magnet High School, Hoover High School, Glendale High School and Daily High School will participate.

Each student will recite one poem of their own choosing. The four students with the greatest number of points will go on to round two to recite their second poem. A winner and runner-up will be chosen.

The Glendale school district’s 2012 “Poetry Out Loud” winner will go on to regional competition to be held January 25 at the Actors’ Gang Theater in Culver City. The state competition will be held in March at the State Capitol in Sacramento. National finals will be in May in Washington, D.C.

**WHAT:** *Poetry Out Loud – poetry memorization and recitation competition*

**WHEN:** *Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 3:30 p.m.*

**WHERE:** *Glendale Unified School District Board Room, 233 N. Jackson St., Glendale*

**WHO:** *Students from Glendale high schools*

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