



## **ODACS RULES ELEMENTARY, LEVEL I, GRADES 4-6**

### **AREA FIVE: ACADEMICS**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

A student may enter a total of two Academic categories. However, he may enter only one category from Division 3 and one category from Division 4. (He may not enter both composition categories or both science fair categories.) Example: He may take two academic tests; or he may take one academic test and enter a science fair project; or he may enter one writing category and one science fair project.

#### **Division 3: Composition**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

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2. Creative Writing students must supply the appropriate judging form (p. 190 or 191 of this manual) with the top portion completed (name, school, etc.).

#### **Categories 8: Creative Writing: Poetry**

1. The writing period will be one hour.
2. The prompt (topic) will not be announced until the beginning of the contest period.
3. Previously written poems or short stories will not be acceptable.
4. The student may create and refine his entry within the limits of the allotted contest period, but the work must be strictly his own.
5. Creative Writing entries for *Level I* may be either hand-written or typewritten. Legibility will be a requirement for evaluation.
6. *The student will include the following Statement of Originality on the entry itself: "I certify that this writing project is my own original and authentic work and that I received no help in completing the project other than general instruction and supervision." The student will then sign this statement. Failure to include this signed statement may result in disqualification.*
7. No reference materials, except for a dictionary provided by the test proctor, will be permissible.
8. Paper will be provided by the proctor.
9. Creative Writing entries will be written at school and brought to the competition site to expedite the schedule. See appendix page 146 for procedures.
10. Each entry will be judged according to the criteria on the Creative Writing judging forms on pages 190-191 of this manual. The student must provide three judging forms.