



ODACS RULES

Senior High, LEVEL III, GRADES 9-12

AREA FIVE: ACADEMICS

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Division 3: Composition

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2. Creative Writing students must supply the appropriate judging form (p. 190 or 192 of this manual) with the top portion completed (name, school, etc.).

Category 17: Creative Writing: Poetry

1. The writing period cannot exceed two hours in length.
2. The prompt (topic) will not be announced until the beginning of the contest period.
3. Previously written poems 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. Poems for ODACS Competition will be *type-written (Level III requirement only)*.
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 and Expository Writing entries will be written at school for both Regional and State Competitions 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: Poetry judging form, page 190 of this manual. The student must provide three judging forms for Regional Competition and five judging forms for State Competition.
11. Contestants who advance to the AACS National Competition will compose their entries prior to the competition. See rules and procedures in the 2020 AACS National Competition Manual.