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POETRY OUT LOUD
NATIONAL RECITATION CONTEST

POETRY OUT LOUD

It is my pleasure and privilege to return to the Eighth Annual Nevada State Poetry Out Loud Finals. Congratulations to all of the participants who have made it this far in the competition. Instead of today being a pinnacle, think of this as a beginning of a lifelong journey towards self-expression, and an opening of imaginations, both yours and today's audience. In doing so, we can all celebrate the revelation, creativity and beauty of languages and the power of the spoken word.

Let me also recognize the many individuals and organizations that have worked to bring this year's Poetry Out Loud Competition to life. From the local teachers to the district coordinators to today's facilitators, judges and sponsors—they have all contributed their time, their expertise, and I'm sure they've shared their love of poetry and the arts.

Poetry Out Loud would not be possible without the support of the Nevada Arts Council, the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, the Nevada Department of Education, the Poetry Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nevada Alliance for Arts Education.

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Whether you are attending today as a participant or as a listener, I hope you will appreciate the achievements, the dedication and commitment of today's competitors. I know you won't be disappointed. I am honored to have been asked to participate in this year's program. Thank you.

Mary Simmons
Vice President External Strategy, NV Energy

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Clark County
Douglas County
Elko County
Humboldt County
Lincoln County
Lyon County
Mineral County
Nye County
Storey County
Washoe County
White Pine County

WELCOME

Tim Jones, Chair, Nevada Arts Council Board – Master of Ceremonies

INTRODUCTION OF JUDGES AND STUDENTS

Tim Jones

ROUND 1

1. Humboldt
2. White Pine
3. Lyon
4. Douglas
5. Washoe
6. Storey
7. Mineral
8. Nye
9. Carson City
10. Lincoln
11. Clark
12. Elko
13. Churchill

ROUND 2

1. Clark
2. Carson City
3. Humboldt
4. Mineral
5. Nye
6. Washoe
7. Lyon
8. Douglas
9. Elko
10. Churchill
11. White Pine
12. Lincoln
13. Storey

ROUND 3

Top three finalists

READING

Gailmarie Pahmeier – Poet and Lecturer in Creative Writing, Reno, NV

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Tim Jones, Master of Ceremonies
Susan Boskoff, Executive Director, Nevada Arts Council
Mary Simmons, Vice President External Strategy, NV Energy

FINAL COMMENTS

Tim Jones

RECEPTION

All are invited!

THE NEVADA POETRY OUT LOUD PROGRAM

The literary arts have always been a figure in the western landscape so it is no surprise that the Nevada Poetry Out Loud (POL) Program continues to power up enthusiasm and excitement. Structured similarly to the National Spelling Bee, Poetry Out Loud (POL) begins in communities throughout the state as high-school aged students in public, private, charter and home schools master public-speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage through the memorization of classic and contemporary poetry. Read more about this remarkable national program at www.poetryoutloud.com.

After district competitions, semi-finalists compete at the Nevada State Finals where the stakes are high. The Nevada POL State Champion receives $1,000, wins $1,000 for his or her school to support literary programs and travels to Washington, D.C. to compete for $50,000 in scholarships and school prizes at the National Finals. Those placing second and third place at the Nevada State Finals each receive $500 and $500 for his or her school.

In our first year of POL in 2005, all high schools across Nevada were invited to participate. Nearly 200 students, teachers, coaches and parents in ten counties joined. The sponsors—Nevada Arts Council, Nevada Alliance for Arts Education and Nevada Department of Education—were thrilled with the turnout. In 2012, the Seventh Annual Nevada POL engaged more than 2,200 students, teachers and coaches representing thirteen of Nevada's 16 counties with high schools. Now that's poetry power!

2013 Nevada Poetry Out Loud State Finals and Powering Up Poetry: Poets in Residence

Thanks to the generous support from NV Energy, district semi-finals were provided to Nevada's rural counties, which insured that the 2013 POL remained a statewide program for all high-school aged students. "NV Energy is pleased to enable young people from throughout Nevada to experience the power of the spoken word through poetry and verse. We support Poetry Out Loud because we believe that words transform our world," said Mary Simmons, NV Energy Vice President of External Strategy.

NV Energy's sponsorship also supported the second year of *Powering Up Poetry: Poets in Residence*. Detroit poet Rachel Harkai personalized poetry workshops for students in Beatty and Pahrump. Montana poets Randy Rieman and Paul Zarzyski treated students in Elko and Spring Creek to a master class during the 2013 National Cowboy Poetry Festival. In the spring, poet and educator Gailmarie Pahmeier visits southeastern Nevada to work with students in Alamo, Caliente and Panaca.

2013 Poetry Out Loud National Finals in Washington, D.C.

Again this year, across the nation, hundreds of thousands of high school students will participate in the National Poetry Out Loud Recitation Competition. The Nevada State Champion and his/her chaperone will travel to Washington, D.C. to vie against extraordinary competitors from each state and territory at the National Finals on April 29–30. Finalists attend a number of events while in the nation's capitol, with the final competition hosted by Lisner Auditorium on the campus of George Washington University.

Sponsors

The Eighth Annual Nevada Poetry Out Loud Program is a partnership of the Nevada Arts Council, Nevada Alliance for Arts Education, National Endowment for the Arts, The Poetry Foundation and the Nevada Department of Education; and is sponsored, in part, by NV Energy.

POEMS & POETS

For the Nevada State Finals, each student is required to prepare three poems for recitation that have been selected from an anthology prepared by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation. The poems chosen by each student are listed below in the order in which they will recite them. Deciding on the recitation order is a strategic decision that the students must make. All students will recite one poem in Round 1 and one poem in Round 2. Only three students will advance to Round 3.

CARSON CITY | ALICIA BARCHUS
The Arrow and the Song by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Pity the Beautiful by Dana Gioia
Love Song by Dorothy Parker

CHURCHILL | HANNAH PERAZZO
April Love by Ernest Dowson
Ode by Arthur O'Shaughnessy
The End of Science Fiction by Lisel Mueller

CLARK | MONICA WILLIAMS
American Smooth by Rita Dove
Solitude by Ella Wheeler Wilcox
Alone by Edgar Allan Poe

DOUGLAS | BREANNA TAYLOR
The Hospital Window by James Dickey
Pity the Beautiful by Dana Gioia
Revenge by Letitia Landon

ELKO | GRACIELA MAYA-JOSEPH
The Tables Turned by William Wordsworth
Her Kind by Anne Sexton
Heaven by Cathy Song

HUMBOLDT | LILLIAN MORAVEC
Cold- Blooded Creature by Elinor Wylie
Luke Havergal by Edwin Arlington Robinson
I Am Learning to Abandon the World by Linda Pastan

LINCOLN | HOLLEAH LEBARON
Sonnet LV Not Marble nor Gilded Monuments by William Shakespeare
Ars Poetica by Archibald MacLeish
Eating Together by Li-Young Lee

LYON | RALSTON THORLIEF PEDERSEN
Old Ironsides by Oliver Wendell Holmes
Cartoon Physics, part 1 by Nick Flynn
Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

MINERAL | ROMEY HICKMAN
A Boat Beneath a Sunny Sky by Lewis Carroll
After a Rainstorm by Robert Wrigley
Fairy Tale Logic by A. E. Stallings

NYE | JENNIFER SIMON
Tomorrow by Dennis O'Driscoll
Insomnia and the Seven Steps to Grace by Joy Harjo
Solitude by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

STOREY | CHRISTIAN CURTIS
On the Death of Richard West by Thomas Gray
Father by Edgar Albert Guest
I Find No Peace by Thomas Wyatt

WASHOE | JORDAN GEAREY
Mezzo Cammin by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
The Negro Speaks of Rivers by Langston Hughes
Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight by Vachel Lindsay

WHITE PINE | SCOTTIE LESHER
Miniver Cheevey by Edwin Arlington Robinson
The Blues Don't Change by Al Young
The Charge of the Light Brigade by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

FINALISTS

CARSON CITY

Alicia Barchus

Junior
Carson High School
Ron Beck, Principal

Alicia Barchus is sixteen years old and a Carson City resident. She became engaged in the arts and music programming while attending the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Nevada. After becoming the 2012 Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club, she will compete for Nevada Youth of the Year this spring. Committed to her love of the arts, Alicia had a starring role as "Sleeping Beauty" in *Distorted Disney the Truth Behind the Cute*, and as a drummer in the *Durga's Drum Story* in the January performance at the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City. Currently, she is a Glee Leader for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Nevada. Alicia is a dance captain in her high school musical theatre class and an officer in her high school concert choir. Alicia would like to thank her Arts Mentor, Tami Shelton; and her mother, Tricia Barchus.

CHURCHILL COUNTY

Hannah Perazzo

Junior
Churchill County High School
Kevin Lords, Principal

Hannah Perazzo has lived in the same house in Fallon, Nevada for all her seventeen years of existence. Like most humans, Hannah was born a baby. Her life now is best described as "jack of all trades; master of none," as she plays six instruments and tennis, is an actress, ballerina, artist, professional singer and church youth leader, and serves on the Student Council. She has no plans for the future except to be a princess (lack of princes is the cause of her dream's demise). Hannah thanks her parents, Glen & Beth Perazzo; her adventure buddy and inspiration, Geoff Humilidad; her motivator and pizza provider, Ms. Pace; the greatest poet, Hannah Lindsay; and her oldest brother, Andrew Perazzo; along with her other brothers, Ryan, Eric and Alexander.

CLARK COUNTY

Monica Williams

Senior
Desert Pines High School
Timothy Stephens, Principal

Monica Williams was born into a family of ten children to Myrle and Wilburn Williams. She will be graduating early from Desert Pines High School with an Advanced Honors diploma and will be attending UNLV in the fall. She hopes to pursue a career in law. She loves reading and writing poetry. Monica is in the Black Student Union, the Gay Straight Alliance, the theater program, and numerous other school and community programs, and is the Commander of her MCROTC unit. Monica hopes to one day give back to her community. She says, "I will know I have done my best when I can say that I have changed just one life because, I believe that a life is wasted if it has not, in some way, impacted another." Monica would like to thank her parents, Myrle and Wilburn Williams; and her teacher, Jeremy Carroll.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Breanna Taylor

Freshman
Carson Valley Middle School
Robert Been, Principal

Breanna Taylor was born in Jackson, California and has lived in Minden, Nevada since third grade. Breanna has exceptional leadership skills and is actively involved in many extracurricular activities including being an officer in Make a Difference, Safe School Ambassadors, Vice President of Students Taking on Prevention, National Junior Honor Society and captain of the Speech and Debate team. Aside from her involvement in extracurricular activities, Breanna is also an excellent student. She finished last year with a 4.0 GPA with A+'s in all of her classes as well as finishing last semester with a 4.2 GPA. Breanna would like to thank her English teacher, Susan VanDoren; her best friend, Grace Gautereaux; and her parents, Jennifer Taylor and Todd Enke.

ELKO COUNTY

Graciela Maya-Joseph

Senior
Owyhee High School
Joseph Mirich, Principal

Graciela Maya-Joseph is a senior at Owyhee High School. Graduating one year ahead of her class has been challenging, but she can't wait for college. Graciela is glad to be returning to Nevada State POL for her last year. She has met amazing friends and expects to meet new ones this year. She would like to thank her mother for supporting her in everything she does, the Nevada Arts Council for hosting POL, NV Energy for keeping POL alive in rural areas, and lastly, she would like to thank God—without Him none of these blessings would have been possible.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Lillian Moravec

Junior
Albert M. Lowry High School
Debbie Watts, Principal

Lillian Moravec has been a part of POL since her freshman year. She plays guitar, performs in a dance troupe and loves the art of the spoken word. Lillian finds certain aspects of history captivating, especially religious history, the spiritual side of our past. She believes that everyone's past in itself is a form of a performance art, and that we seem to act out a masterpiece every day, tragedy and comedy. While we can take lessons from our past, she feels that we can always explore our pasts, because there will always be a hint of mystery, like the Mona Lisa's smile. Lillian would like to thank her friend and fellow POL competitor, Miranda Laush; and her POL Coach, Vicki Meissner.

FINALISTS

LINCOLN COUNTY

Holleah LeBaron

Senior
Lincoln County High School
Marty Soderberg, Principal

Holleah LeBaron has taken every opportunity available to perform, though she would much rather be behind the scenes running lights or sound. She has also performed in many plays, musicals, band concerts, and show choir concerts. Holleah is involved in her school's drama program, having recently participated in the regional competition in pantomime where she earned a superior ranking. She also performed in a music festival for oboe and piano and earned superior ratings. She is an active member of student council, serving as the music representative and is also on the pep club committee. Holleah would like to thank her drama advisor, Pete Peterson; and her English teacher, Sherrin McHenry.

LYON COUNTY

Ralston Thorlief Pedersen

Senior
Yerington High School
Mr. Duane Mattice, Principal

Ralston Thorlief Pedersen is a senior at Yerington High School. In addition to being involved in many school and community organizations such as National Honor Society, Rotary Interact Club, Student Senate, Academic Team, Varsity Golf, and Band, he is also an avid outdoorsman. Ralston is a champion trap shooter earning two national titles and many state and local awards. He plans on attending the Mackey School of Mines, University of Nevada, Reno where he will study mining engineering. Ralston would like to specially thank his father for instilling in him a love of verse. Ralston would like to thank his parents, Karen & Dan Pedersen; and his English Teacher, Amanda Aldridge.

MINERAL COUNTY

Romey Hickman

Freshman
Mineral County High School
Walt Hackford, Principal

Romey Hickman is a freshman at Mineral County High School. Ever since she was a young child, Romey has been comfortable being by herself as she explored emotions, feelings, literature, music and thoughts. Being artistic Romey enjoys expressing herself and sharing with others her creations through dance, music, and other formats. "Poetry is cool, and it's a different way to express yourself," shares Romey. She would like to thank her English teacher, Catherine "Katie" Staunton; and mother, Korie Sickler.

NYE COUNTY

Jennifer Simon

Senior
Pahrump Valley High School
Max Buffi, Principal

As a lifetime resident of Pahrump, Nevada, Jennifer Simon has always been very involved in her community. Currently in her senior year of high school, she is the Student Body Vice President, Yearbook co-Editor-in-Chief, and a member of Interact and Honor Society. Last year, she emceed at the annual High Desert Shorts International Film Festival and is extremely devoted to local filmmaking. She aspires to write and direct major motion pictures. Jennifer plans to study Film Production or Media Communications at Stanford University or the University of Oregon, this fall. She has competed in POL the past two years and feels that poetry is the highest form of abstract expression. Jennifer would like to thank her parents, Sheri and Roger Simon; her boyfriend, Jessy Richardson; her Mentor & Speech Coach, Billie-Jean Polkosnik; Off 160 Poetry Group; her former English teacher, Mr. Kolodzieczyk; and her former Journalism teacher, Bonnie Chenevert.

STOREY COUNTY

Christian Curtis

Junior
Virginia City High School
Rick Schrank, Principal

Christian Curtis is a junior at Virginia City High School. He used to live in the Golden State of California. He currently lives in Virginia City and has had an interest in theater since his freshman year. He entered POL because of his love of acting. Some of Christian's other hobbies include juggling, magic, ventriloquism, and doing impressions. As an Eagle Scout he has learned to try his best in everything and loves to challenge himself. Christian would like to thank his English teacher, Christine Prater; his drama teachers Jackie Petrosky, Anthony Shank and Andie Anderson; and his mother Geri Baker.

WASHOE COUNTY

Jordan Gearey

Junior
Robert McQueen High School
John Carlson, Principal

Jordan Gearey was born and raised in Reno, Nevada. He is currently a junior at Robert McQueen High School. When he is not at school or at home, he is working and training at Elite Boxing Club as an aspiring amateur boxer. He discovered a newly-found interest and enjoyment in POL when his AP English teacher introduced him to the program this year. Jordan would like to thank his English teacher, Katie La Pointe; his mother, S. Michele Morse; his father, Darrin Gearey; his brother, Zach; Principal, John Carlson; Vice Principal of Curriculum, Leslie Herman; and all his friends and family who support him.

FINALISTS

WHITE PINE COUNTY

Scottie Lesher

Senior
White Pine High School
Adam Young, Principal

Scottie Lesher is a senior at White Pine High School, transferring there during the second semester of her first year of high school. Her first day of classes at White Pine also happened to be the night of the POL competition and this spiked her interest as she watched excellent performers speak their piece, captivating her with nothing but their voice. Poetry had always been of interest to her, one of her favorite sections in English and Literature classes. Intrigued, she has competed for the past three years, this being her first time winning the district semi-final. Scottie plans on attending Great Basin College in Ely in the fall. She would like to thank all her friends and family for their cheering and never ending support, including her mother, Cecelia Not Afraid; her father, Rodney Jon Lesher Sr.; her Godmother, Aleathea Gungell; her mentor and friend, Kathy Tucker; her friend Shandi Willes; her teacher, Kelly Sturgeon and her extended family, the Dubrays and the Not Afraids.

JUDGES

TIM JONES (Master of Ceremonies)
Tim Jones is completing his final term as chair of the Nevada Arts Council's nine-member board, which is appointed by the Governor. During his 29-year career at the University of Nevada, Reno, Jones served as the Director of University Arts and an Associate Director of the School of the Arts. One of the co-founders of Artown (Reno's summer arts festival that began in 1996), he developed or produced several Artown programs—including the award-winning "Discover the Arts" education/participation series for children. Jones has served as a member of a number of nonprofit boards and advisory boards in Reno and at Lake Tahoe, and received the 2010 Arts Advocacy Award from the National Association of Counties. He received his BA in broadcasting and an MA in speech/communication from Washington State University. Jones is author of *The Work of Art: Creativity and the Work Ethic*, published by the Black Rock Press.

CASSANDRA BROWNLOW (Judge)
Cassandra Brownlow currently resides in Reno, Nevada and has been a Nevada resident for the past three years. Brownlow received her BA in English from Boise State University where she previously taught secondary English for four years at a brick-and-mortar high school in Meridian, Idaho. She currently teaches American Literature, AP Literature and Composition, and AP Language and Composition for The George Washington University Online High School (GWUOHS). She also serves as the GWUOHS Writing Center Director and as The GW Yawp Student Newspaper Advisor.

DR. KARIN EKANGER (Judge)
A Nevada resident since 1992, Karin Ekanger holds a BA in English from the University of Montana and a Masters in Language Arts Education from Montana State University. She earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. Ekanger has taught secondary English and reading in Montana, the Philippines, Germany, Southern California and Nevada. She has worked in Clark County School District's curriculum and new teacher orientation programs before becoming an administrator at Valley High School. She currently is the Voyager Learning Sales Executive for Nevada, representing Reading and Math intervention solutions for the Cambium Learning Group.

GAILMARIE PAHMEIER (Judge)
Gailmarie Pahmeier has been a Nevadan for nearly 30 years. She currently teaches creative writing and contemporary literature courses at the University of Nevada, Reno, where she has been honored with the Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award and the University Distinguished Teacher Award. Her work has been widely published in literary journals and anthologies, including *Booth*, *Passager*, *Interim*, *Mudfish*, *Literary Nevada*, *Autumn House Anthology of Contemporary Poetry and New Poets of the American West* (for which she won the Editor's Choice Award). She is the author of the poetry collection, *The House on Breakaheart Road*, and two chapbooks from Black Rock Press. Her most recent chapbook, *Shake It and It Snows*, received the 2009 Coal Hill Chapbook Award from Autumn House Press and poems from the collection were nominated for Pushcart Prizes. Pahmeier's literary awards include a Witter Bynner Poetry Fellowship and two Artists Fellowships from the Nevada Arts Council. In 2007, she received the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

JUDGES

JORGE LARA SANTIAGO (Judge)
Jorge Lara Santiago is the Editor-In-Chief and Founder of VIMMAG, a magazine dedicated to interviews with local Las Vegas artists and visionaries. He was born in San Francisco, raised in Texas, and now resides in Las Vegas. With more than 16 years of experience writing and reciting his poetry, Santiago is the Executive Director and Founder of The Las Vegas Poets Organization. His current creative efforts include working on his album release, a book of poems, paintings, and photography.

MARY SIMMONS (Judge)
Mary Simmons has been with NV Energy for more than 27 years and has held a number of management positions including her current position as VP, External Strategy, Controller, and Assistant Treasurer of Shareholder Relations. A Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Internal Auditor, Simmons is a graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno. She has held many board positions in the community including Chairman of the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce, Vice President and Treasurer of the Reno –Tahoe Airport Authority, the Nevada Women's Fund and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority.

JULIE TERRY (Accuracy Judge)
Julie Terry was born and raised in Lovelock, Nevada. She has always lived in Nevada except for attending Boise State University where she earned a BA in Theater Arts education. Terry has since earned her Master of Education in Special Education and has been teaching since 2001. Along with teaching, Terry has been coaching high school cheerleading for five years after coaching middle school cheer- leading for five years. She has a wonderful husband, Shaun, and a son in the seventh grade and a daughter in college. Her daughter was a part of POL for four years and placed third one year. She loves working with kids and finds POL to be a great opportunity for our students to be exposed to the great works of many authors and to be able to present themselves in front of an audience.

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Congratulations to all the students who competed at the school and district levels, and many thanks to their parents, families and friends. We are indebted to the enthusiastic support of and participation by the teachers, coaches, principals and superintendents involved with Nevada's 2013 Poetry Out Loud program. We know that the list below may be missing others, and we thank you as well.

CARSON CITY
Coordinator: Tami Shelton
Organization: Brewery Arts Center

CHURCHILL COUNTY
Coordinator: Victoria Pace
School: Churchill County High School
Principal: Kevin Lords
Teacher: Victoria Pace

CLARK COUNTY
Coordinator: Judy Myers, Clark County School-Community Partnership Program
Schools: Advanced Technologies Academy, Biltmore Continuation, Bishop Gorman High School, Bonanza High School, Boulder City High School, CSN High School West, Del Sol High School, Desert Pines High School, Ed W. Clark High School, East Career & Technical Academy, Green Valley High School, Legacy High School, New Horizons Center for Learning, Southeast Career Tech Academy, West Las Vegas Art Center
Principals: Deborah Kral, Michael Sharapan, Kevin Kiefer, Northey Henderson, Kent Roberts, Dennis Birr, Lisandra Primas, Timothy Stephens, Jill Pendleton, Glenda Goetting, Jeff Horn, Tammy Malich, Jody Mayville, Kerry Pope, Marcia Robinson (Cultural Supervisor)
Teachers: Mary Ziegler, Jessica Gandy, Chrissie Ramos, Gary Sessa, Johan Ringen, Serrin Anderson, Lori Jorgensen, Joseph Stelletello, Virginia Bradford, Daren Stewart, Amy Fermanek, Rachel Burke, Sandra McCluney, Shaun Ingalls, Anthony Brady

DOUGLAS COUNTY
Coordinator: Susan Van Doren
Schools: Carson Valley Middle School, Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School
Principals: Bob Been, Keith Lewis
Teachers: Susan Van Doren, Callie Campbell-Parr

ELKO COUNTY
Coordinator: Emily Nielson
Schools: Carlin High School, Elko High School, Owyhee High School, Spring Creek High School
Principals: Janice Alexander, Mike Altenburg, Joe Mirich, Keith Walz
Teachers: Dawn Knight, Emily Nielson, Kelly Moon, Kathy Olson, Julie Lewis, S. Joy Carlson

HUMBOLDT COUNTY
Coordinator: Vicky Meissner
School: Albert Lowry High School
Principal: Debbie Watts
Teacher: Vicki Meissner

LINCOLN COUNTY
Coordinator: Pete Peterson
Schools: Lincoln County High School, Pahranagat Valley High School
Principals: Marty Soderborg, Steve Hansen
Teachers: Pete Peterson, David Hansen

LYON COUNTY
Coordinator: Karen Kostenbader
Schools: Dayton High School, Silver Stage High School, Yerington High School
Principals: Tim Logan, Patrick Peters, Jerry Ogolin (2006-2012), Duane Mattice
Teachers: Karl Watts, Annie Krupp, Amanda Aldridge, Cara Childs, Gary Stone

MINERAL COUNTY
Coordinator: Shar Murphy
School: Mineral County High School
Principal: Walt Hackford
Teacher: Shar Murphy

NYE COUNTY
Coordinator: Mary Beth Aragon
Schools: Beatty High School, Pahrump Valley High School
Principal: Gary Flood, Max Buffi
Teacher: Mary Beth Aragon

STOREY COUNTY
Coordinator: Christine Prater
School: Virginia City High School
Principal: Rick Schrank
Teachers: Christine Prater, Kristen Scott

WASHOE COUNTY
Coordinator: Patricia Miller
Schools: Coral Academy of Science, Damonte Ranch High School, McQueen High School, Rainshadow CCHS, Sage Ridge High School, TMCC High School
Principals: Feyzi Tandogan, Denise Hausauer, John Carlson, Steve West, Colburn Shindell, Susan Mayes-Smith
Teachers: Tom Smith, Ariana Metzker, Debby Hellen, Lindsay Thompson, Lisa Bright, Jennifer Marini, Katie LaPointe, Amie Newberry, Kira Temple, Amanda Ellison, Jillian Merson, Dawn Callahan, Sue Vaughn, Pan Pantoja, John Sloyan, Laurie Gardner, Kathleen O'Brien

WHITE PINE COUNTY
Coordinator: Kelly Sturgeon
School: White Pine High School
Principal: Adam Young
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