

Region 15 High School Student Oratory Contest

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Royal Oak Middle School

H.K. Baird Theater

303 N. Glendora Ave.

Covina, Ca 91724



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school administrators | **region 15**

\$1000 scholarships for three winners*

\$350 scholarships for all other finalists

In a speech *no longer than 3 minutes*, please address this year's ACSA Region 15 theme: *Lead with Care*

True leadership is not only about vision and achievement, it's also about compassion and responsibility. In what ways can leaders in today's world demonstrate that caring for others is a strength, and how can you personally lead with care in your own community?

- Judging conducted by independent oratory judges
- \$1000 scholarship requires participation at the Spring Awards Banquet on April 17, 2026.
- Family, friends, and school supporters are welcome

**For information, contact April Leon- *Region 15 VP Programs* at
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DEBATE, AND DRAMA TEACHERS.**



ACSA REGION 15

2025 HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT ORATORY CONTEST

Dear Charter Presidents, High School Administrators, and Superintendents:

We are pleased to invite your high school students to participate in our annual High School Student Oratory Contest. This year's topic is "Lead with Care." We are looking for innovative and inspiring speeches. You may submit one student finalist from a single district charter and two finalists from a multi-district charter. Please note, the two students finalists from multi-district charters must not be from the same school.

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Helpful Hints and Important Reminders:

- ☐ Hold and complete site, district and multi-district charter oratory events before 2/6/26
- ☐ Complete the linked [High School Student Oratory Contest Finalist Information Form](#) by 2/13/26
- ☐ Rubric Link [here](#)
- ☐ Following these timelines will ensure the finalist's name will be listed in the program
- ☐ In order to be allowed to compete on Wednesday, 3/11/26, the charter finalist's information form must be submitted no later than 2/13/26.
- ☐ **One student finalist may be submitted for a single district charter**
- ☐ **Two finalists may be submitted from a multi-district charter. Please note that the two submissions may not be from the same High School.**

On Wednesday March 11, 2026, charter finalists must check in at Royal Oak Middle School

H.K. Baird Theater by 5:45PM.. At this final Oratory Contest, three students will be selected as the Region 15 winners and will each receive a \$1000 scholarship, which will be presented at the Region 15 Spring Awards Banquet on Friday, April 17, 2026. All other charter finalists who participate in the Oratory Contest on March 11, 2026 will receive a scholarship of \$350 from ACSA Region 15. Please note, if winners are unable to attend the Spring Banquet, the scholarship amount will be \$350.

The three Region 15 finalists will present their speech during the ACSA Region 15 **Spring Conference and Awards banquet** on **Friday, April 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at The Garland in North Hollywood.** *Students must be present at the banquet and deliver their speech to receive the \$1000 scholarship.* Dinner will be provided for each of the three Region 15 finalists and two guests. Additional guests are welcome to attend at the regular cost of the banquet.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in this annual student public speaking event. Questions? Contact **April Leon** at leon@bonita.k12.ca.us