

# HINDIUSA ST LOUIS

## Description

Kavita Paath Pratiyogita is HindiUSA's biggest and most popular competition that is held level wise among the students of ages 5-17 for all nine levels. It's a fun competition that provides a platform for students to build confidence, develop leadership quality, sharpen memory, and improve pronunciation of Hindi language. This competition connects students to the uniqueness of their heritage and Hindi literature. All HindiUSA students are advised and highly encouraged to participate in Poem Competition.

Students who participate in this competition get extra credit in their oral exam.

External judges are invited to judge the Kavita Paath competition. Parents, their relatives, and community members are encouraged to attend this program without any cost to them.

### Rules of Kavita Paath

1. Poem must be memorized. Students will not be allowed to read poems written on paper or any device.
2. Competitors will be judged on criteria like pronunciation, memorization, expression, presentation, confidence etc.
3. Introduction of poem, greetings etc. will not be included in reciting time. Introduction must be brief. Participants should not announce their school and level names.
4. Every participant will follow the time limit according to their level.

| LEVEL | TIME DURATION |
|-------|---------------|
| S1    | 30 sec        |
| S2    | 45 sec        |
| B1    | 1 min         |
| B2    | 1 min 30 sec  |
| I1    | 2 min         |
| I2    | 2 min         |
| I3    | 2 min 30 sec  |

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| A1 | 3 min (not < 2 min) |
| A2 | 3 min(not <2 min)   |

**Important:** If a participant exceeds the time limit for the level, he/she will lose 5 points from the total score. It is likely that the lowered score may push the student's rank down enough such that he/she may not qualify for the next level.

5. Poem recital duration can be shorter than what is allocated to the level, but it cannot exceed.
6. Prizes will be given based on the student's performance in various categories
7. Students who are absent on the day of the Kavita Paath will not be given any credit for participation.
8. Students can dress and hold props, matching their poems. Participants are encouraged to wear Bhartiya dresses or special costume according to their poem.
9. Song, Bhajan, Aarti, Rashtriya Geet, Chalisa, or Shloks are NOT allowed. Poems used in Hindi movies are also not allowed. If a student is not sure whether the poem is appropriate or not, please have it reviewed by the student's teacher or school coordinator. Any poem that is not reviewed and does not follow the above guidelines, will be disqualified.
10. A student must not repeat the same poem he/she had recited at any of the past years' competition.
11. Participants must submit the name and first line of their poems to their teacher to avoid repetition of same poem by others.
12. Students must reach the venue on time. If a student is late in reaching the venue and/or if misses the turn, he/she will not be allowed to recite the poem.

#### Important Tips

1. The standard of poem should be according to the child's Hindi class level. For example, Starter-1 and Starter-2 students are advised to recite poems related to their curriculum like festivals, flags, colors, animals, fruits, vegetables, relations, feelings, nature, etc.
2. Students of Intermediate and Advance levels should also tell the name of the poet/ess whose poem they will recite. Introduction of poem should be in the following format: "नमस्ते, मेरा नाम रचना है। मेरी कविता का नाम "उठ जाग भारत" है। मेरी कविता केकवि श्री गजेंद्र सोलंकी हैं। मेरी कविता की कवियत्री श्रीमती सररता शमाहैं। Please do not say लेखक और लेखिका।
3. Select poem according to student's skill. If a student can sing soft spoken poem provide him/her same stream poem. Provide और रस poem if the student can recite it in a commanding voice.
4. Before memorizing your poem, check with your teacher or school coordinator if it meets the rules and criteria of the competition.

Below are some links for Hindi poems.

[http://www.pitara.com/talespin/poems\\_hindi.asp](http://www.pitara.com/talespin/poems_hindi.asp)

<http://kavitakosh.org/>

<http://www.hindinest.com/kavita/0poems.htm>

<http://www.anubhuti-hindi.org/>

<https://www.geeta-kavita.com/>

<https://thesimplehelp.com/hindi-poems-for-kids>