

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Poetry & Prose On Stage April 6, 8 and 13**

*Visalia* – Poetry and Prose On Stage is scheduled for April 6, 8 and 13, 2005, at the Tulare County Office of Education located at 2637 West Burrel in Visalia. This countywide oral interpretation event for students in grades K-8 provides an opportunity for participants to recite before an appreciative audience.

This year, over 70 Tulare County schools will bring nearly 1,000 students to the three-day event.

Students, who prepare poems or dramatic readings, perform in groups of 10 or less, or individually. A judge, who provides positive and instructional comments and critiques, evaluates each student performance.

“This is a delightful event to attend,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “For some of our younger students, Poetry & Prose is their first time reciting before an audience.” Student performances are held throughout the building each day at 9:00 am, 10:15 am, 11:30 am and 12:45 pm. All students receive a Recognition of Achievement certificate for participating.

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