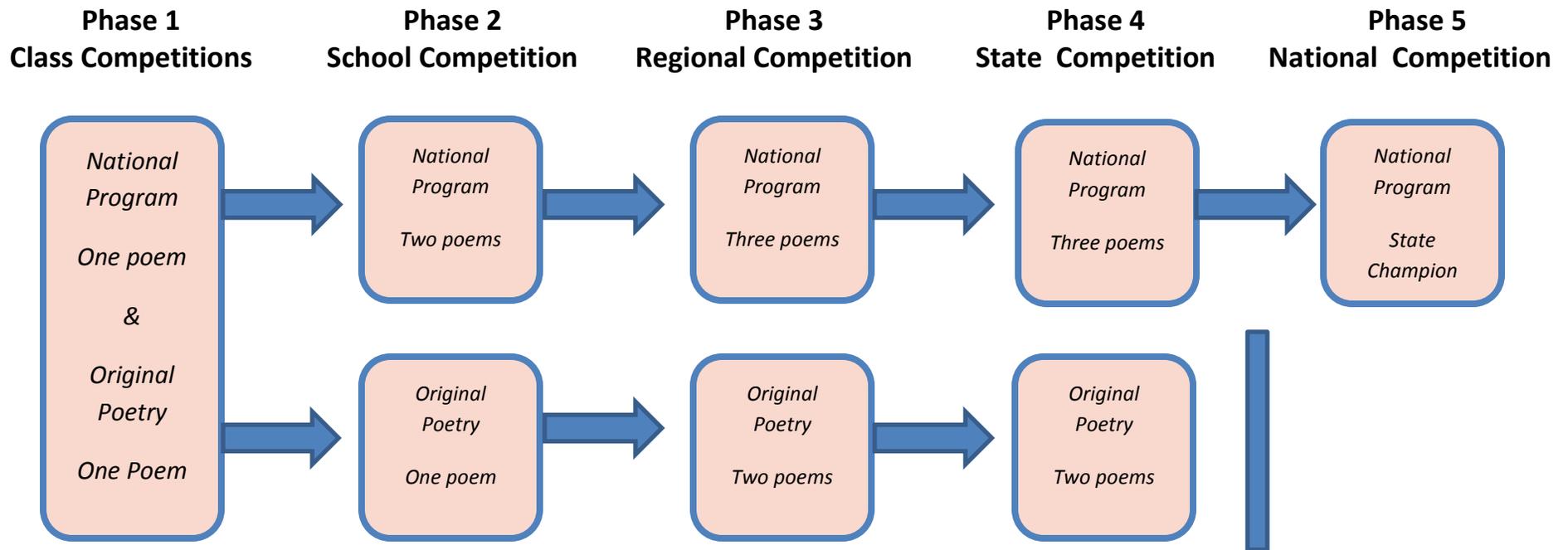


ALABAMA POETRY OUT LOUD COMPETITION STRUCTURE



- Phase 1: Class competitions: It is recommended that all students in each class compete in both the National Poetry Competition and the Original Poetry Competition. The highest score identifies the class champion.
- Phase 2: School Competitions: All class champions compete against each other. The highest score identifies the school champion.
- Phase 3: Regional Competition: Each School champion competes with other school champions in a regional competition; a maximum of **five** top scorers (in each competition – or a total of 10) per region, may move forward to the State Finals. If less students qualify at the regional level, a region may send less than five students to each competition at the State Finals.
- Phase 4: State Finals: all regional winners compete; the top scorer in the National program is identified as the State Champion and moves forward to the National Competition in Washington DC; Original Poetry winners receive state awards but do not move forward to a National Competition.
- Phase 5: State champions compete against 52 other champions from the 50 states, Washington DC, Puerto Rico and the Virgin islands.