LHSRA Eligibility Rules for Literary Events
2026-27

Eligibility for all 46 State Rally Literary Events is limited to students enrolled in a Louisiana High School Rally Association (LHSRA) active member school and certified by a District Rally Director as a Bona Fide Qualifier. Any student not certified as a qualifier by a District Rally Director WILL NOT be allowed to compete in State Rally. Any student found competing in State Rally who was not certified by a District Rally Director WILL BE DISQUALIFIED from State Rally competition and the appropriate sanctions may be made against his/her school by the Executive Director.

1. Each student may test in no more than one State Rally Literary Event.

2. Students must be currently enrolled – or have been enrolled – in a course during the current school year to be eligible to participate in District and State Rally competition.
   (Policy statement adopted by the 1997 General Assembly of Principals)

   Exception: Schools offering courses on alternating yearly or semester basis may enter students who have completed Carnegie credits in those courses.

3. Students repeating a course for a higher grade may not participate. However, students repeating a course due to failure are eligible to participate.

4. Students must be taking a Carnegie unit in the school in which they are enrolled. Thus, if a seventh or eighth grade student is taking a course which will earn a Carnegie Unit that will appear on the student's high school transcript, then the student is eligible to participate in the literary event for this course.

5. Students must meet the requirements for the Carnegie unit in the setting of the LHSRA active member school (students enrolled in a correspondence and/or dual enrollment course may participate).

6. Students who are considered native or heritage speakers of a foreign language may participate in literary foreign language events if they are enrolled – or have been enrolled – in a corresponding language course during the current school year**. Native or heritage speakers may not compete in a foreign language <u>open</u> event in their language, unless the event is designed specifically for native or heritage speakers.** Schools must certify that students are non-native speakers of the target language only if they participate in open events.

7. Students must not represent their school more than once in the same event.

8. Students should not seek to gain an unfair advantage by competing in events for which advanced credit has been earned or having been earned for courses in advanced standing (e.g. competing in Physical Science after completing a course in Chemistry).

Note: All schools who follow a block schedule should see "LHSRA Eligibility Rules for Block Schedule Schools" regarding specific requirements for students who attend these schools.