**The Semi- Annual Riverside Open Mic Festival**

**In Class Competition**

The purpose of the Open Mic Festival is to honor the many different ways of speaking that people are required to do and to honor the many different approaches that secondary teachers are taking to the oral language component of the English Language Arts curriculum.

**Speaking Styles**

The Open Mic Festival will afford students two different styles in which to express themselves:

1. Poetry Slam
2. Rant

Adjudication will be based upon the attached criteria and holistic scoring scale as described below.

**Adjudicating**

To honor the creative and performance nature of this type of speaking festival students will be judged in the following areas earning a score out of 5 in each category:

Audience Engagement: overall performance

Content: fits the format, appropriate vocabulary used with effect and purpose

Oral Delivery: volume, vocal inflections, humor (with purpose)

Body Language: facial expressions, gestures, body movements; convey the tone/voice of the piece

Presentation: prepared and/or rehearsed, errors do not affect impact

**Definitions, Time Limits and Examples**

1. **Poetry Slam – 1-2 minutes**

Description: prepared performance poetry on thought- provoking idea using figurative language such as the following: pun, alliteration, personification, metaphor, simile, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, symbolism, imagery, and rhyme and sometimes synecdoche, allusion or irony. They often include recurring motifs or metaphors as per examples.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuAbGJBvIVY>

Sarah Kay - Hands

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfTa4B7wQ_8&feature=related>

Eric Darby “Scratch and Dent Dreams”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCNIBV87wV4&feature=PlayList&p=A22483A9C695DBA0&index=29>

Taylor Mali “Like\_you know”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44sXwJgqUyc&feature=related>

Taylor Mali “On girls lending pens”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wppaWo96amU>

Kurt Schroder “Time”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdJ6aUB2K4g>

Sarah Kay and Philip Kaye “When Love Arrives”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Uc_mvwOUf0>

Sulli Breezy “Parents are the Hardest People to Please”

1. **Rick Mercer Style Rant**

Editorial or commentary delivered in a convincing fashion. Examples in text form:

<http://www.rickmercer.com/Rick-s-Rant.aspx>

Videos are also easily found however pacing in a graphitized alley.