

2026 POETRY WRITING CONTEST ABOUT FIRST NATIONS, INUIT, OR MÉTIS CULTURE



Cariboo Chilcotin School District No. 27 is inviting ALL students from kindergarten to Grade 12 to enter a poetry writing contest. This contest is open to ALL students from public schools and Band operated schools regardless of their ethnicity; you do not need to be First Nations, Inuit, or Métis!!

The poetry must be about the culture of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis. This will be a great opportunity for all students to learn about and research the First Nations, Inuit, or Métis culture.

Entry deadline is Wednesday, January 30, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Judging will take place by a committee in February/March 2026. The winners will be announced shortly thereafter.

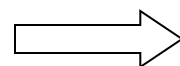
Poems must be titled, typed, or neatly written (preferably in pen), single or double line spacing.

All entries must be the original work of the student entering the contest.

Students may submit multiple entries. Please only one poem per page!

Please submit entries (with name, grade, school & Teacher) to:

**Cariboo Chilcotin School District No. 27
Indigenous Education Department
350 North Second Avenue
Williams Lake, B.C.
V2G 1Z9**



Grade	Student Prize
KINDERGARTEN	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
	2nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Primary Grades	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
Grades 1-3	2nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Intermediate Grades	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
Grades 4-6	2nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Middle Grades	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
Grades 7-9	2nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Secondary Grades	1st Prize \$100.00 in books you choose!
Grades 10-12	2nd Prize \$75.00 in books you choose!
	3rd Prize \$50.00 in books you choose!
	4th Prize \$25.00 in books you choose!
Extra: A French Category and a Chilcotin, Shuswap or Carrier Category can be opened if we receive entries.	There will be 4 prize winners here as well depending on no. of entries and grades. First to fourth place winners in these categories will also choose books as valued above.

Winners must agree to have a photograph taken of themselves for publication purposes. If not, please ensure that you write ***"Withhold my name and photo please"***. Winners will be directed (via letter) to the bookstore closest to their area for their selections.

Teachers with students who have a winning poem (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Place) will receive a prize of Indigenous content story books for their classroom.

Entering poetry into the contest constitutes the agreement that it will be allowed to be published on our website and/or print materials to be put into book form as Best Practices in Cariboo Chilcotin School District No. 27. *

For more information, please call Tracy Hubner at 250-398-3836.