2026-2027
NJO Program Schedule

In a culturally enriched context, Orators practice speaking and leadership skills with self-confidence. This is the program schedule of activities for the 2026 – 2027 program year. Revisions and updates will be made as new workshops are added or changes made.

MONTH & DAY	ACTIVITY
Friday, August 21, 2026	**Fall Online Membership Registration Begins – Online Application**
Saturday, September 12, 2026	**All Coaches & Administrators Kick-Off Training Workshop** People Care Center for Nonprofits 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ
September 19, 2026	**"New" Coaches Training Workshop** People Care Center for Nonprofits 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ
September Week of 13th – 20th	Weekly Chapter Meetings Begin
Saturday, Sept/Oct TBD	**New Jersey Orators "Student Master Class"** People Care Center for Nonprofits 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ
Saturday, October 10th or 17th (TBD), 2026	**Beyond High School Educational Conference – College Readiness Workshop** – Online registration – Open Enrollment Partner: Montclair University
Saturday ??, October / November TBD	**Regional Close Reading Literacy Workshop - Southern** Mercer County College 102 No. Broad Street, Trenton
Saturday, October 31, 2026	**Fall Online Membership Registration Ends**
November 7, 2026	Judges Refresher & New Training Workshops Location: People Care Center for Nonprofits 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ
November 2026	**Statewide 2026 Orators Showcase** **Location: To Be Determined**

December 5, 2026 November 20, 2026 Competition Registration Deadline	**Purple Fall Competition** Location: Franklin Middle School 415 Francis Street, Somerset NJ 08873
December 12, 2026 November 27, 2026 Competition Registration Deadline	**Platinum Fall Competition** Location: Franklin Middle School 415 Francis Street, Somerset NJ 08873
December 13, 2026	Christmas Break Begins
January 4th, 2026	**Spring Online Membership Registration Begins – Online Application**
January 4 – 9th, 2026	Weekly Meetings Resume
January, February, and March 2027	M.L.K & Black History & Poetry Month Celebrations
To be rescheduled - Spring, 2027	**Beyond High School Conference - College Readiness** Rowan College @ Burlington County - Tour Hosted by SSC Students – Mastering Delivery for Impactful Storytelling Workshop 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM with Luncheon – Online registration
February 14, 2027	Regional Close Reading Literacy Workshop – Central Location: NJO Headquarters 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ
February ?? - Date TBD	**"All" Coaches & Administrators Spring Training Workshop** Location: People Care Center for Nonprofits 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ
March 5th, 2027	**Spring Online Membership Registration Ends**
March 6, 2027	Regional Close Reading Literacy Workshop "Girls Only" – North Partner: Seton Hall University Location: Chancellor Hall, So. Orange, NJ
March 13th, 20th, 27th, 2027 TBD	**Statewide 2027 Orators Showcase** **Location: To Be Determined**

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April 10, 2027	Purple Competition Registration Deadline
April 24, 2027	**Purple - Spring Competition** Location: Franklin Middle School 415 Francis Street, Somerset NJ 08873
April 17, 2027	Platinum - Competition Registration Deadline
May 1, 2027	**Platinum - Spring Competition** Location: Franklin Middle School 415 Francis Street, Somerset NJ 08873
May 2027 (Date TBD)	**2027 Orators Year End Showcase** **Location: To Be Determined**