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The Republican stage of the essay contest on the theme "My thoughts about the national-spiritual values" was held at lyceum named after academician Zarifa Aliyeva under the Ministry of Education on December 20. The contest was attended by 101 pupils from all regions of the country.

It should be noted that the essay contest on the theme "My thoughts about the national-spiritual values" is held according to the 2015 Joint Action Plan of the State Committee for Work with Religious Organizations and the Ministry of Education on "Strengthening the measures for upbringing children and youth in the spirit of respect for national-spiritual and universal values in educational institutions" and according to the appropriate order of the Ministry of Education in order to implement paragraph 8 of this plan.

9th-11th grade students of secondary schools participated in the contest. Its school-based and regional (city) stages, attended by more than 30 000 pupils, were organized in October-November this year. The names of winners of regional (city) stage were submitted to the Ministry of Education by local education governing bodies.

The essays will be checked by the Special Commission established by the Ministry of Education. The winners of the contest will be awarded Diplomas and prizes.