

Battle of the Books

North Carolina's Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students. The purpose is simply to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with peers.

What is BOB?

Battle of the Books is a quiz bowl style competition sponsored by The North Carolina School Library Media Association (NCSLMA) and held locally by Guilford County Schools Department of Library Media Services.

Students at participating schools read books from a list established by the state Battle of the Books committees and then compete in quiz-bowl-style tournaments to test their knowledge of these books.

Students can begin reading books now for the spring competition. I encourage students to try to read all 15 books. During the school year, we will have weekly before-school meetings to explore the elements of each book and to hold practice competitions. While there is no limit to the number of students who participate in the BOB meetings, we are only able to place 12 students on the roster for the competition. The coach will make the final team decision based on student participation and knowledge of the books.

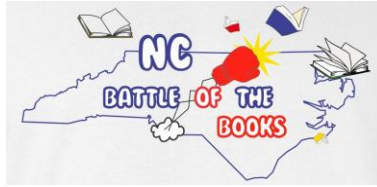
How It Works

A team consists of 12 students, so only join if you are committed to attending regular meetings as we read and practice trivia questions for the competition. Students read from the book list and work to become experts on those books. Titles include a wide range of reading levels and subjects.

Our 3rd meeting will involve a title/author quiz and, if necessary, may result in a first "cut" for team formation. We will continue practicing with all who demonstrate their commitment (see attached form) and, if necessary, will give a final qualifying test to determine the competition team.

Meetings

We will meet for Elementary on Monday mornings and Middle School on Wednesday mornings from 8:05-8:50. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 12th for Elementary and Wednesday, September 14th for Middle School. Why the early session? We find many students attend extra-curricular activities after school, such as sports and dance. An early time allows for students to be able to be on the team while not sacrificing an after-school activity.



Battle of the Books Parents:

We are so excited about Battle of the Books this year. In recent years, we have purchased practice quiz accounts with MyBOBTeam.com for every student to practice whenever they like. There is a cost with this program, and we are asking all members to chip in \$15 to cover the cost of the subscription. Later, after we make cuts, you can expect another fee of \$20 for a team T-shirt and end of year party (\$12 T-shirt, \$8 food). If you are not able to cover these fees, please email me or have your child let me know privately. On the other hand, if you would like to donate to defray the costs for other students to participate, there is a sponsorship donation option as well.

Any number of members can be on our school team but only 12 students can be selected for the competition team in the spring. Those students will be chosen closer to the date of the district competition. We need other members, too, to aid in preparing for this big competition against over 60 other schools by reading and practicing as a team. Regardless of whether a student attends the final competition, every member is considered an important part of the team. I welcome parent volunteers as well to assist in making the club fun & efficient.

In order to participate, please return the Practice Commitment form below along with the club dues.

Thank you for helping us this year!

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Battle of the Books Practice Commitment Form

<https://bit.ly/2022ALBoB>



Student Signature

Date

Parent Name (Print & Sign)

Date