This form is a commitment to participate in the Battle of the Books competition to be held on March 6, 2019 at UNCG. This is also a commitment to pay the required fees for the competition. Participating schools are eligible to advance to the regional competition.

**Participation requirements:**

1. The media specialist must be a member of the North Carolina School Library Media Association (NCSLMA).

2. Participants must be in grades 4 or 5.

3. ALL fourth and fifth graders will be given the opportunity to participate.

4. Participating schools must submit to Library Media Services a completed and signed School Commitment Form.

5. If a school wishes to withdraw from the competition, the school must notify Library Media Services. Notification must be in written form and signed by the principal.

6. Media specialists and/or coaches must be available to serve as officials, if needed, for the Middle Schools Battle of the Books to be held on March 5, 2019 or for the High Schools Battle of the Books to be held on March 4, 2019.

**Competition Fees:**

1. Competition fees are based on the number of participating schools.

2. Participating schools will share in the costs and expenses incurred for the Battle of the Books.

3. Projected fees for the 2018-2019 Battle of the Books is $100.00 per school. This figure is based on the number of participating schools and will be adjusted accordingly. This figure does not include lunch fees.

4. Competition fees are non-refundable once a commitment to play form has been submitted.

5. If for some reason a school wishes to withdraw from the competition, the school is still obligated to pay competition fees.
**Lunch Fees**

1. Lunch will be approximately $7.65 per team member or coach.

**Transportation**

1. Participating schools are responsible for transportation to and from the competition.

**Deadlines**

- October 24, 2017 - GCS NCSLMA Compliance Form with Guidelines due by 5:00 p.m. No late forms will be accepted.

- November 7, 2017 - School Commitment Form due by 5:00 p.m. No emails. Late submissions will not be accepted. A commitment to play is a commitment to pay the fees.

- November 21, 2017 - Notification to schools of the exact fee for the Battle of the Books.

- December 12, 2017 - Facilities fees due by 5:00 p.m. Schools failing to meet this deadline will be dropped from the competition BUT are still responsible for their portion of the fees. No refunds will be issued.

- February 10, 2018 - Names of team members, alternates, and coaches due to Library Media Services. Student Commitment Forms due by 5:00 p.m.

- February 10, 2018 - Lunch fees due.
I have read the 2018 Battle of the Books Guidelines for Participation, and the requirements listed. I understand that by signing below, I agree to abide by these terms.

The form should be emailed, faxed or mailed to:
Jacqueline Pender-Jones
GCS Library Media Services
501 W. Washington Street
Greensboro, NC 27405
penderj@gcsnc.com
Fax: 336-275-7893

School Name: ___________________________________________________

Principal Name (printed): _________________________________________

Principal Signature: ______________________________________________

Media Specialist Name (printed): ___________________________________

Media Specialist Signature: _________________________________________

Coach Name (printed): ___________________________________________

Coach Signature: _________________________________________________

Coach 2 Name (printed): __________________________________________

Coach 2 Signature: _______________________________________________

Date: _____________________________

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