



Sun Valley High School Battle of the Books

The purpose of the Battle of the Books is to encourage continued reading for the enjoyment by all students at the high school level. Students are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints by prominent authors in the area of young adult literature. The game-style competition format creates interest and excitement in reading. Through the fun and excitement of the competition, students improve reading skills, mature in their choices of reading materials, and acquire a broader knowledge base.

A committee from the North Carolina School Library Media Association (NCSLMA) creates an annual list of 15 books based on NCSLMA member recommendations. The books are selected based upon their literary merits, and the committee is careful to choose books that vary in length, difficulty and subject matter.

During meetings students will discuss the books and practice answering trivia questions about them. The book list for the program contains 15 books. Team members are asked to read all of the books on the list in order to prepare for the competitions. Beginning in November, there will be monthly meetings/practice sessions after school in the media center.

Students are responsible for being part of the team, and should commit themselves to reading the books on the list and participating in the monthly practice sessions. Some of the books on the list may contain mature content, language, and themes. For this reason, we ask that you sign the form giving permission for your child to read the books on the 2018-2019 HBOB list.

The district competition will be held March 22, 2018, and the entire team must be present. According to the rules of the HBOB handbook, only 12 students are permitted to participate in the district-level competition. These 12 students will compete against other high schools in our district to determine who has the most knowledge of the books on the list.

If, after reading about the requirements of the program and discussing this with your child, you would like your child to participate, please sign and return the permission portion of the letter by Monday, October 1, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me or our co-coach, Dr. Adam Tarlton.

Sincerely,

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2018-2019 Battle of the Books Permission Form
Return by Monday, October 1, 2018

I give permission for my child, _____,
to participate in the High School Battle of the Books program at Sun Valley High School. I
understand what is required of him/her to be a part of this team, and I am aware that some of the
books on the HBOB list may contain mature content, language and themes.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____