

HELEN RUFFIN READING BOWL COMPETITION



WHAT IS THE READING BOWL COMPETITION?



- ▶ Mrs. Helen Ruffin, a library media specialist in DeKalb County, wanted to find a way to use the nominee books from the Georgia Children's Book Awards to encourage her students to read. She therefore created a unique reading competition in game format, called the Reading Bowl, using the award nominees. Her vision was to have teams comprised of students from different schools compete to test their knowledge of the selected books. Today, the Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is open to students in grades four through twelve across the state. The winning teams from the Divisional Bowls meet at the Annual Conference on Children's Literature in March for the State Championship of the Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl.

WHAT DO STUDENTS DO?

- Students read and discuss a pre-selected list of award-winning novels.
- The competition is a quiz bowl style, similar to Jeopardy.
- Students are asked questions about the novels by a panel and must buzz in
- Whichever students buzz in first and answer correctly receive points for their team
- Whichever team has the most points in the end wins the competition.

COMPETITION DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Fulton County HRRB --- TBD

Metro Regional HRRB — TBD

North Divisional HRRB — TBD

State HRRB — TBD

ELEMENTARY BOOK LIST 2020-2021

Creech, Sharon. (2018). *Saving Winslow*. New York, NY: HarperCollins.

DiCamillo, Kate. (2018). *Louisiana's Way Home*. Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press.

Kelly, Lynne. (2019). *Song for a Whale*. New York, NY: Delacorte Press.

Korman, Gordon. (2019). *The Unteachables*. New York, NY: Balzer + Bray.

Magoon, Kekla. (2018). *Season of Styx Malone*. New York, NY: Wendy Lamb Books.

McDunn, Gillian. (2019). *Caterpillar Summer*. New York, NY: Bloomsbury.

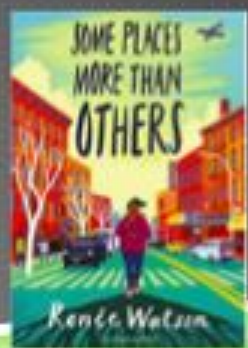
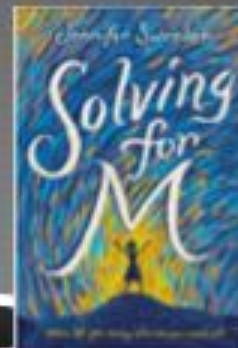
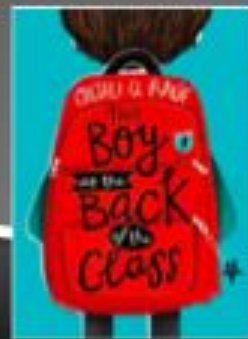
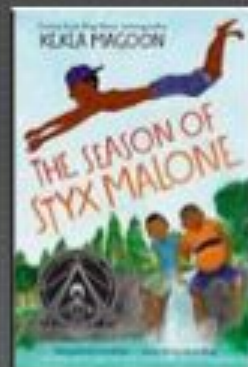
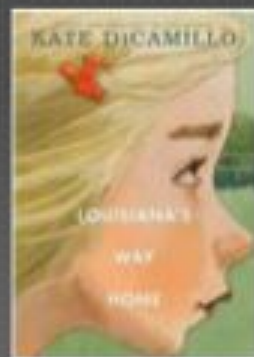
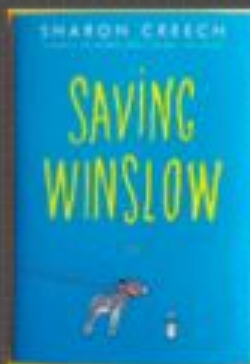
Raúf, Onjali Q. (2019). *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. New York, NY: Delacorte Press.

Savage, Melissa. (2017). *Lemons*. New York, NY: Crown Books for Young Readers.

Swender, Jennifer. (2019). *Solving for M*. New York, NY: Crown Books for Young Readers.

Watson, Renée. (2019). *Some Places More than Others*. New York, NY: Bloomsbury.

BOOKS



RULES

To participate in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl, elementary and middle school students must read the current Georgia Children's Book Award Nominees. The Georgia Book Award Nominees is the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl's official reading list.

Rules of the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

Each school will participate in six rounds.

Each round will consist of 10 questions.

Alternates may be substituted between rounds.

Teams will receive 10 points for each answer.

There will be no penalties for wrong answers.

There will be five members on a team and up to five alternates.

A school may have no more than one team per level.

The winners will be determined in the following manner: The teams with the highest total points from all six of their rounds will be the winners. In case of a tie, the teams who are tied will be co-winners. Winning teams will receive a trophy for their school. In the case of a tie, neither team will receive the trophy that day.

Another trophy will be purchased and engraved and presented to each of those teams at a later agreed upon date. There will be first place, second place and third place winning teams.

FULTON SCIENCE ACADEMY

Academic Teams Policies and
Procedures

WHAT ARE ACADEMIC TEAMS?

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Academic Teams compete in extracurricular competitions against other schools. They include:

- ▶ Science Olympiad
- ▶ Math Olympiad
- ▶ Robotics
- ▶ Reading Bowl (Only 4-5 Graders May Compete, but 3rd Graders may be on the team/in the club)

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- ▶ Many 3-5 grade students will compete on at least one team
- ▶ Students can participate in a maximum of two teams.
- ▶ Remember, a student cannot be on two teams that meet at the same time
- ▶ Students applying for an Academic Team must complete both the appropriate Academic Team application form and the Academic Team Preference Form.
- ▶ Students who do not complete any part of the application on time will not be selected for a team

Your behavior matters . . .

- All team members and parents must sign the **Academic Teams Policies & Procedures** .
- All school rules are in effect for all Academic Team activities whether on or off campus.
- Disrespect of teammates, coaches, and/or property will not be tolerated.
- Be considerate of your coaches – we are volunteering to help you!
- You can be removed from the team for poor behavior!

Parents and students must sign the **Policies and Procedures**, so please read these carefully.

REMEMBER TO:

- ✓ *Application Form*
- ✓ *Academic Teams Preference Form*
- ✓ *Academic Teams Policies and Procedures*
- ✓ *online Club Selection Form*