

South Texas ISD
Rules and Regulations for Region One ESC
Battle of the Books 2023-2024

Guidelines for 2023-24 Battle of the Books

Eligibility

- The Region One ESC Battle of the Books competition is open to all STISD students.
- Students in grades 6 - 8 may compete in the middle school division.
- Students in grades 9-12 may compete in the high school division.
- The campus teams will participate in a January 2024 district competition. The winner of the district competition will advance to the region competition.
- A team is comprised of three students and one alternate.

Battle of the Books Reading List

- The official list of books to be read will be posted on all the district library websites.
- The book selections are provided by Region One Library Services.
- eBook copies of each title will be available for checkout through Sora.

Coaching

- South Texas ISD librarians will help prepare students for competition by providing various online practice activities October 2023 – February 2024.

Procedures

Round One – Campus Competition

- High School students will test on November 29, 2023. Middle School students will test on November 30, 2023.
- 40 question online test (Kahoot/Quizziz)
- 12-minute time limit
- Questions provided by the STISD librarians.
- Students will complete the online test independently.
- The top four highest students will make the campus team. One student will be the alternate.
- Testing on two books only for middle high:
 - ****Linked*** by Gordon Korman
 - ****Two Degrees*** by Alan Gratz
- Testing on two books only for high school:
 - ****I Must Betray You*** by Ruta Sepetys
 - ****Patron Saints of Nothing*** by Randy Ribay

**After Round One, teams advancing to the district competition are responsible for reading the other two titles on the competition list. **

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Round Two – District Competition

- High school students will test on January 17, 2024.
- Middle school students will test on January 18, 2024.
- Students advancing to District competition will receive t-shirts.
- 60 question online test (Kahoot/Quizziz)
- 20-minute time limit
- Questions provided by the Region One Battle of the Books Committee.
- Students will complete the online test as a team.
- The top scoring team, middle and high school, will represent the district at the regional competition which will be held in February at Region One in Edinburg. Date to be determined.
- All students will test on all four books. See page 3 for titles.
- Trophies for the winning teams will be displayed at the winning campus.
- Superintendent Cup points will be awarded to top-scoring students' campuses. *(Points TBD)*

Round Three – Regional Competition

- Region One competition, February 2024. *(Dates TBA)*
- Competition will be held during the school day.
- One STISD middle school team will compete against other school districts.
- One STISD high school team will compete against other school districts.
- Questions will be provided by Region One committee.
- Number of questions to be determined.
- Testing on all four books for middle school.
- Testing on all four books for high school.

**Region One ESC Middle School Battle of the Books
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Hummingbird by Natalie Lloyd

****Linked*** by Gordon Korman

Starfish by Lisa Fipps

****Two Degrees*** by Alan Gratz

**Region One ESC High School Battle of the Books
2023-2024**

Dancing at the Pity Party by Tyler Feder

****I Must Betray You*** by Ruta Sepetys

****Patron Saints of Nothing*** by Randy Ribay

Skyward by Brandon Sanderson