

# STISD Guidelines for 2024-25 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 2025 district competition. The winner of the district competition will advance to the region competition.
- A team is comprised of four students.

## **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.
- If available, eBook copies of each title will be accessible through Sora.

## **Coaching**

- South Texas ISD librarians will help prepare students for competition by providing various practice activities.

## **Procedures**

### **Round One – Campus Competition**

- High School students will test on **November 20, 2024**. Middle School students will test on **November 21, 2024. (TENTATIVE DATES)**
- 40 question online test (Quizizz)
- 12-minute time limit
- Questions provided by the STISD librarians.
- Students will complete the online test independently.
- The top four highest scoring students will make the campus team.
- Testing on two books only for middle school:
  - ***The Last Beekeeper*** by Pablo Cartaya
  - ***A First Time for Everything*** by Dan Santat
- Testing on two books only for high school:
  - ***The Q*** by Amy Tintera
  - ***On the Hook*** by Francisco X. Stork

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

### **Round Two – District Competition**

- High school students will test on **January 15, 2025. (TENTATIVE DATES)**
- Middle school students will test on **January 16, 2025. (TENTATIVE DATES)**
- Students advancing to District competition will receive t-shirts.
- 60 question online test (Quizizz)
- 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 2025. (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  
2024-2025**

**\*The Last Beekeeper** by Pablo Cartaya  
**\*A First Time for Everything** by Dan Santat  
**The Probability of Everything** by Sarah Everett  
**A Duet for Home** by Karina Yan Glase

**Region One ESC High School Battle of the Books  
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**Living Beyond Borders: Growing up Mexican in America**  
Edited by Margarita Longoria  
**\*The Q** by Amy Tintera  
**\*On the Hook** by Francisco X. Stork  
**Beneath the Wide Silk Sky** by Emily Inouye Huey