Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team Application: Grades 4-5

The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl (HRRB) is a quiz bowl style competition where elementary teams of 4th and 5th graders compete against other elementary schools in Fulton County. Teams compete round for round, answering comprehension questions from 10 selected books (The list is on the back). Students are welcome to purchase copies of the books for themselves, but this is NOT required. The books will be provided by the WCES library, and are also available on Sora as e-books. Students can check out HRRB books in addition to regular library books.

Ten team members and five alternates will be selected for the Wilson Creek team.

Student Information

Student Name	
Grade	
Homeroom Teacher	

Favorite book or series:

How many books do you normally read each month?

What interests you the most about joining the reading bowl team?

How comfortable are you with answering questions in a team competition, in front of an audience:
□ Very comfortable
□ Somewhat comfortable
□ Still learning, but willing to practice
□ Not comfortable

Chosen team members will be expected to:

- Read at least 5 of the 10 books on the list
- Attend regular weekly meetings during lunch (in media center)
- **Attend 6 after school meetings from 2:45 - 3:30 on the following Wednesdays (parents must be arrive for pickup by 3:30)**
  - **October 7, October 28, November 18, December 9, January 13, January 20**

- Complete all of the reading on their own
- Participate respectfully during discussions and activities
- Study and memorize book details, characters, settings, plots, and important events
- Work cooperatively with teammates
- Show good sportsmanship during practices and competitions
- Not have any behavior referrals, and any team member who receives a referral will be asked to step down. An alternate will take his/her place.
- Be able to attend the district competition (details below):

Saturday, January 23, 2027

Time: 8am - 1pm

Location: Riverwood International Charter School

Parents are encouraged to join us on competition day to cheer on the team! Transportation to and from the competition location must be provided by the parent.

Book list (must read at least five)

- *The AI Incident* by J. E. Thomas
- *Botticelli's Apprentice* by Ursula Murray Husted
- *The Creepening of Dogwood House* by Eden Royce
- *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell
- *Into the Rapids* by Ann Braden
- *J vs. K* by Jerry Craft and Kwame Alexander
- *Monster Locker* by Jorge Aguirre and Andrés Vera Martínez
- *Opal Watson: Private Eye* by Brittany J. Thurman
- *Spark* by Chris Baron
- *Teddy vs. The Fuzzy Doom* by Braden Hallett

Student commitment acknowledgment:

□ I understand the expectations for joining the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl team and agree to make a strong effort to read, practice, and participate responsibly.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM TO MS. DENNIS BEFORE FRIDAY, AUGUST 14th