

So You Want to Start a Reading Bowl Team?

READ ON!



Make sure the CCSD HRRB Steering Committee knows that you are interested in having a team. We want to make sure that you are receiving all the necessary communication from us. Email Dezarae Norris or Spring Voltz if you're not receiving emails.



Find interested students; students grades 4-12 are eligible. However, keep in mind that each team may only have 10 official team members. Setting up a point-based system (based on # of books read, questions written, etc.) can help you choose your final team roster.



Purchase books; we recommend 2+copies of each book. Current book lists can be found at: <https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/hrrb/booklists/>



Purchase a buzzer system for practices. The "official" buzzers of our CCSD competition come from Patrick's Press. They can be located at: <http://www.patrickspress.com/buzzers1.htm>

We use the Quik Pro Basic #Q613 (2 teams of 5 players each).



Read the books and write questions. Your students can help you write them. Competition questions are fact-based, recall questions. When writing questions for your team, look for IMPORTANT details that come straight from the text. Questions at all levels of competition will be formatted in the same way.

For example:

In the book Chomp, what fell and hit Mickey Cray's head? A dead iguana, pg. 1 (the page number indicates which page the answer can be found)

There are also many resources for questions online.



Pick a time and place to meet regularly for practices. Remind students that the CCSD HRRB competition always falls on the Saturday of the long MLK weekend.



A FEW MORE THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

- Consider a co-sponsor to help. Parents or Teachers!
- Start thinking about t-shirts. School shirts work too!
- Talk to veteran coaches for advice.