

# Welcome to the 2022-23 Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl competition.

Dear Parents:

I am so excited that your student is interested in competing in the 2022-23 [Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl](#). The competition consists of reading the 10 Georgia Young Author Book Awards and answering questions that are derived from the contents of these books in a quiz bowl style format. You may review the [summaries](#) of each of these titles on our school website under the Academics Tab and then the Media Center Research and Resources section. Each student does not need to read every book but having a general knowledge of each book's main characters, main events, theme, and conclusions is essential to be competitive on our team. We can register 10 students for our team, and they compete in teams of 5 at a time during the 5 rounds of the competition which will be at a date determined by the district usually sometime in January.

Another permission slip will be distributed before the competition to account for the location of the district competition dealing with the hours of the competition, lunch arrangements, and any fees if a bus is required. This permission slip is to cover your student reading and studying the ten titles that the competition covers to prepare for the competition. If any of the books' themes contain content that you would prefer your student not to read, please email me at [barbra.rose@henry.k12.ga.us](mailto:barbra.rose@henry.k12.ga.us), and we can arrange a phone call to discuss options for your student. We have hard copies of each title in the library as well as e-book copies in our library catalog, Destiny Discover. You should not have to purchase any of the above titles for your student to prepare.

We will determine a practice schedule that accommodates the maximum number of students and will practice two days a week starting in October. Please return the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this form or fill out the online permission form and return it to me by October 7, 2022.

Thanks for your support in our academic competition and we hope for a great season!

Sincerely,

Barbra Rose

Luella Middle School Media Specialist

Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Coach

Permission form for preparation in the 2022-23 Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl. You may fill out this paper form or you may fill out an online form at:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/akucdS6ZXL>

Student Name:

Student Grade level:

Parent/Guardian name:

Parent/Guardian phone number:

Parent/Guardian email address:

I the undersigned agree that my student, \_\_\_\_\_,  
may read and study content questions on the competition titles for the 2022-23 Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl (titles listed below).

1. Alston, B. B. (2021). *Amari and the night brothers*. Balzer + Bray.
2. Dee, B. (2020). *Maybe he just likes you*. Aladdin.
3. Esplin, J. L. (2020). *96 miles*. Starscape.
4. Faruqi, R. (2021). *Unsettled*. HarperCollins.
5. Ireland, J. (2021). *Ophie's ghosts*. Balzer + Bray.
6. Oh, E. (2021). *Finding Junie Kim*. HarperCollins.
7. Sheinkin, S. (2019). *Born to fly: The first women's air race across America*. Roaring Book Press.
8. Sounders, T. (2020). *Coop knows the scoop*. Sourcebooks Young Readers.
9. Venkatraman, P. (2021). *Born behind bars*. Nancy Paulsen Books.
10. Warg, J. (2021). *Shape of thunder*. Balzer + Bray.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by October 7, 2022. You may keep the cover letter.

