

Battle of the Books Rules and Regulations

(revised August 2007)

Participants

All schools and libraries in New Mexico are invited to participate. Participants are expected to read at least ten or more of the twenty Battle Books and should read as many of the books as they can.

Students in grades 4-5 will participate in the Elementary Division and students in grades 7-9 will participate in the Middle School Division.

Students in grade 6 will participate in a division based on their school district. If 6th grade is part of an elementary school, 6th grade participants will be in the Elementary Division.

If 6th grade is part of a Jr. High or Middle School, 6th grade participants will be in the Middle School Division.

9th grade students may only participate if 9th grade is part of the Middle School or Jr. High.

Home Schooled Students

6th grade and 9th grade students who are home schooled will follow the school district in which they reside.

A school which serves a 4th grade through 8th or 9th grade population may send two teams, one in each division.

A public library may send two teams, one in each division.

The elementary division does have a minimum age/grade level requirement: Elementary Division participants shall be at least nine years of age by September 1st of the current school year or be in a 4th grade classroom or higher.

Sponsors

A Sponsor is NOT a person. A Sponsor is a school or a library.

A Battle participant must have a Sponsor. A Sponsor must be a New Mexico school or library. Each Sponsor may send up to 7 participants to the State Battle of the Books competition.

A school or library adult representative must accompany each team and each team also needs to provide at least two adult volunteers to serve as Readers and Timers.