



PURPOSE

In partnership with NCAA Team Works, Fort Worth Sports Commission and our vendor, Helper Helper, Fort Worth ISD students in grades K - 5 will have the opportunity to participate in the *Readers Become Leaders® Literacy Program*. The purpose of this program is to provide school districts a program to create excitement about reading for elementary student in NCAA Championship cities with a friendly competition.

Competition Outline

The overall competition is based on the collective average number of minutes read by each student. This allows for schools with a smaller number of students to compete with larger schools.

Schools will register their grades and determine whether they want one person entering all of the minutes or if they prefer the individual teacher go in and register on the link and upload their classes minutes weekly. Once the program starts, students will submit their minutes read each week to their teacher and the school/teacher will get those comprehensive totals uploaded in the system.

The totals will be posted each week so schools can see how they are doing against the other schools. The program will last 10 weeks and the top three schools will be invited to the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships open practice on April 17 where a winner will be announced.

Competition Rules

- The child and parent/guardian will be responsible for logging the number of minutes they read each day.
- Weekly Reading Log will go from Monday – Sunday.
- At the end of the week (Sunday), the parent/guardian needs to sign off on the reading log and the student will turn it in to their teacher by the time designated by their teacher
- The teacher will add their classes minutes up and turn that number into the school captain (or log themselves).

- We ask that all minutes be logged for the week on Monday by 8pm CST for the previous week's minutes.
- You can count minutes that a teacher reads to the class (example, reading a book to the class, not instructions or math problems)
 - Core Curriculum and Lexia Core 5 do not count
- Students who are visually or hearing impaired may count minutes when someone reads to them.

What Cannot Be Counted for RBL Minutes:

- Lexia CORE5 minutes are excluded as it functions as an accelerated learning tool for students.
- Literacy block during the day does not contribute towards the recorded minutes.
- Reading instructions to a class does not count for minutes.
- Amplify minutes are excluded.

What Can Be Counted for RBL Minutes:

- Reading minutes completed for homework and on weekends are eligible for inclusion.
- Reading minutes completed by the student for the weekly reading log.
- Students who are visually or hearing impaired may count minutes when someone reads to them.
- myON minutes can contribute towards the overall count.
- Minutes completed for reading challenges can be counted.
- Reading to a class from a story or book can be counted. If a teacher reads 10 minutes from a story to a group of 20 students, this will count as 200 minutes.

The program dates are as follows:

January 26th – Last Day to Register

January 29th – Competition Begins and Kick-off Party

April 5th – Last day to log minutes

April 17th – Winner announced at Dickies Arena

The first 40 schools that sign up will receive a full library refresh that will include a total of 150 books (25 per grade level). Additional incentives will include, pizza parties, promo items for kids like bookmarks, wristbands and crayons.

Prizes:

- Grand Prize
 - o \$1500 Scholastic Credit
 - o \$500 gift card for pizza party
 - o \$100 Visa Gift Card for each teacher
 - o Scholastic Grab and Go Packet for each student
 - o Clifford for Pizza Party
- 1st Place School in each Division (3 schools total)
 - o \$1000 Scholastic Credit
 - o \$500 gift card for pizza party
 - o \$100 gift card for each teacher
 - o 250 book library refresh
- 2nd and 3rd for each Division (8 schools)
 - o \$75 Visa Gift Card for each teacher
 - o School Library Refresh – 150 books for the school library
- Top Classroom for All Grades Pre-K-5 (7 classes)
 - o \$500 Scholastic Gift Card
 - o Scholastic Grab and Go Packets for all students – 5 books per pack

Please note: Results will be based on average minutes read per student.