**ELIGIBILITY**

* The Name That Book (NTB) competition is open to all HISD campuses and affiliated charter schools.
* There are four NTB contest levels: K-2, 3-5, Middle School, and High School. Schools may send one team to participate in each contest level.
* The K-2 Name That Book Contest is designed as an activity for younger students to prepare for upper level competitions.
* Three to six students may make up a team with one official alternate who will remain in the audience until called upon. One student is designated to serve as captain. Only students in grades kindergarten through second may participate in the K-2 NTB Contest.
* Team selection and configuration is at the discretion of the campus sponsor. Additional students from the school may come to observe the team compete if space permits.

**READING LIST**

* The official contest reading list is located on the Library Services website and will be distributed to sponsors by the department.
* The list is based on state and national notable book lists as well as through recommendations from event sponsors from the prior year.

**GUIDELINES**

* Each competition will consist of five (5) rounds containing five (5) questions, with a possibility of 25 points.
* There is a 10 minute break after the third round, in which the alternate team member may be substituted in at this time.
* Questions will be read by an announcer and will be read one time only unless there is interference.
* Questions are predominately statements. However, for some books, physical or audio clues may be used. An audio clue might be a song whereas a physical clue might be an object that played an important role in the book.
* Each question will be addressed to all teams at once. After the question has been read, teams will have 45 seconds to respond.
* Teams will receive a numbered list of the book covers and using an iPad, will enter a number to represent the book as their answer.
* No team will be allowed to change an answer once entered. When time is called, the team captain will be asked to stand and the announcer will inform the team of whether their response was considered correct or incorrect.
* Questions and answers will be displayed on a screen viewable by the audience. However, recording the contest is not allowed.
* In the case of a tie at the end of Round 5, a “sudden death” round of additional questions will be asked until only one team remains. No more than ten (10) additional questions may be asked during the tie breaker.

**PROTESTS**

* If a team experiences technical difficulty and is unable to enter an answer, they must raise the red protest paddle, within the 45 second time frame, and write their answer on a white board to be presented when the team captain is asked to stand.
* A team member should also raise the red protest paddle to contest their response if they think it should have been counted as correct.
* To register a protest for a specific question, a team member must raise the red protest paddle after their response has been determined as incorrect. The protesting team member will meet with their sponsor to discuss the protest. The team member will approach the judges to present their case. Three minutes are allowed to resolve the protest.
* Teams are allowed two (2) protests per half, which must be made at the end of the question in which they are defending the response. However, a team may protest their answer only, not the response of another team.

**JUDGES**

* Judges will arbitrate questions about answers, ties, and protests.
* The judges may penalize teams for inappropriate behavior such as outbursts, disrespectful or unsportsmanlike conduct.
* All judge’s decisions are final.

**AWARDS**

* Finals competitions are not held at the K-2 level.
* A first, second, and third place team will be recognized at each K-2 Competition.
* Certificates will be awarded to all participants and medals will be presented to the top three teams.