

Parent Permission Slip

2023-2024 Sunshine State Young Readers Award Program

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) Program is a statewide reading motivational program for students in grades 3 through 8. The purpose of the SSYRA Program is to encourage students to read independently for pleasure and to read books that are on, above, and below their reading level in order to improve their reading fluency. The Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) book list is developed each year utilizing input from experienced committees of media specialists from throughout Florida. The books on this list may not be appropriate for all students. Some books may include main characters navigating mature teen and/or adult situations. Stories represent various genres, formats, reading levels, viewpoints, and ethnic/cultural perspectives, while exploring sensitive issues. We ask that parents preview the titles to ensure an enriching and exciting reading experience for their child. Students are not required to read every book on the list. A synopsis of each of this year's books can be accessed on the [media center website](#).

The SSYRA Program

Interested students will be added to an SSYRA Course in Schoology after the parent permission form is returned. Students will read an SSYRA book and take a 25-point quiz on the book. The student must score over 60% to receive credit for the book. Successful quizzes are rewarded with a Schoology badge and a PBIS point.

Battle of the Books

At this point, there has not been a final decision regarding a District Middle School Battle of the Books. When information is available, I will let you know. If we do participate, the team of 5 students and 2 alternates will be chosen based on the number of titles read and the overall score earned on the Schoology quizzes.

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I give permission for my child to participate in the Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) Program. I understand that some of the stories included on the list for this activity may not be appropriate for all students. I also understand that my child will not be penalized for not reading all the books. I have read the synopses of the books included on this year's list and will help my child navigate the appropriate titles.

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact #: _____

*This form must be signed and returned prior to participating in the Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) Program