



Oregon Battle of the Books at ISP!

What is Oregon Battle of the Books?

The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. OBOB's mission is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students.

How will OBOB work at ISP this year?

Students in **grades 3-5** who wish to participate will form teams of four students. Teams should consist of students from the same grade level but do not need to be from the same language track. Teams will read books from the OBOB reading list and compete against one another in "battles" to test their knowledge of literary content. OBOB books may be found in our school library, public libraries and bookstores. Participation is entirely voluntary but it is nevertheless a commitment. Once a student signs up for OBOB, it is expected that they will continue as a team member throughout the duration of the OBOB events. **ISP teams will NOT compete this year in regional or state competitions but we do look forward to a championship battle within ISP on May 6th! (The battle will be held during school hours. Observers are limited to students and school staff that are directly involved in OBOB.)**

How do students sign up to participate?

Students who wish to participate in ISP OBOB must complete a registration form by **March 4th**. (See ISP Owl post or request a form by emailing hevans@intlschool.org). On that form, students will be able to submit names of pre-identified teammates but doing so is not required. Each individual student must submit a registration form to participate. ISP OBOB coordinators will confirm or form complete teams based on who has submitted a registration form by the deadline. Preferences will be strongly considered but are not guaranteed. If there are omissions or discrepancies with requested teammates, the coordinator will make team formation decisions. The primary objective is to make sure all students who want to participate can do so! We also encourage each team to identify an adult advisor who can help their team arrange team practices if needed, reinforce the basic battle rules and engage respectfully within and between teams.

When and how are practices held?

Practice scheduling will be the sole responsibility of each team and based on the availability of the team members. **Regular practices will not be held during school hours.** Practices may be held on-line or in person. It is recommended that teams plan to practice during the month prior to the competition and *no more* than once a week please!

ISP OBOB Dates and Deadlines

March 4th - Registration Deadline!!!!

March 7th - Teams Announced!

TBD - Mock battle practice competition(s)

May 6th - ISP OBOB Competition (during school hours)

For more information about OBOB and to view the OBOB book list:

www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org

