

2017-2018

Cobb County School District Writing Fair

PURPOSES

The purposes of the Writing Fair are (1) to encourage students K-12 to develop writings that represent their best efforts, (2) to provide a context for schools to support and celebrate the writing successes of all students, (3) to encourage and recognize student achievement in writing throughout the system

HOW TO ENTER

Each participating school may hold a local school Writing Fair using guidelines/criteria outlined in this packet. Each school judges, selects, and submits one winning entry per grade level within your school. Submit local school winning entries with the entry form attached. Make sure all entries follow all guidelines and all signatures have been signed. (Use provided checklist)

WHAT TO WRITE: Students entries may include:

- a. Short Stories
- b. Poetry
- c. Essays/Literary Criticism/Analysis
- d. Journalism
- e. Academic/Research Reports
- f. Personal Narratives
- g. Any Other Original Student Writing

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ENTRIES

1. Entries must be student generated
2. Entries must be single authored.
3. Entries must not exceed five pages – **FRONT ONLY – 8 ½ X 11 paper**
4. Entries can be typed or neatly written. (If typed must be Times New Roman, 12 point font, double spaced).
5. Entries must be original (no copies are needed). We recommend making copies for your records and also if student and/or parent/guardian wants a copy.
6. Do not bind, make a cover for, decorate, laminate, or otherwise alter the original paper on which the entry is written.
7. Student # on top right corner of EACH page of the entry. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT NAME OF STUDENT, TEACHER, OR SCHOOL ON PAPER.**
8. Entries must be accompanied by an official entry form. Entry forms must be filled out completely and signed by the student, parent, and teacher. Any entry submitted without ALL signatures will be disqualified.
9. Entries must be received by Elizabeth Cobia, K-12 ELA Supervisor by **February 27, 2017** from your school's Writing Fair Coordinator. Late entries will not be accepted after this date.

JUDGING

PROCEDURES FOR CLASSROOM JUDGING

1. It is recommended that the classroom teacher choose another faculty member to select his/her class winner.
2. Classroom judges will use the state rubric (which is included in this packet) to score entries and the highest score will then be submitted for schoolwide judging.

PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOLWIDE JUDGING

1. Judges for schoolwide judging may be chosen from the faculty and administration of each school as well as from the community and other resources.
2. The schoolwide judges should NOT have access to each other's scores while judging, nor should they know the writer's name.
3. The writing entry for each grade level with the highest score (using the state rubric included in packet) will be submitted for system wide judging by the Local School Writing Fair Coordinator chosen by your school.
4. REMEMBER ONLY ONE ENTRY PER GRADE LEVEL

LOCAL SCHOOL WRITING FAIR COORDINATOR PROCEDURES

1. Receives entries from winners of local school for all grade levels in schools
2. Makes sure all signatures are on entry form
3. Check each entry with the checklist provided before mailing to Elizabeth Cobia, K-12 ELA Supervisor, at Central Office, 514 Glover St. on or before **February 27, 2018**.

CHECK LIST

- ___ Use 8 ½ " X 11" paper or lined white notebook paper for neatly handwritten entries

- ___ Use 8 ½ " x 11" white copy paper for student typed entries

- ___ Typed entries: Font Times New Roman, size 12, and double-spaced

- ___ Written/typed on front of page only

- ___ Maximum length of 1900 words

- ___ NO STUDENT, TEACHER, OR SCHOOL NAME ON PAPER

- ___ **ALL** information and **ALL** required signatures completed on entry form.

- ___ Entry form stapled to entry

- ___ Original piece submitted – NO COPIES

- ___ Only one entry per grade level at your school

- ___ E ntries submitted to Elizabeth Cobia, ELA Supervisor, 514 Glover St. (Central Office) on or before **February 27, 2018.**

YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS WRITING COMPETITION 2017-2018 ENTRY FORM

All entries must be COMPLETE and LEGIBLE.

RESA Number (circle one)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

School System: Cobb County Schools

System Level Administrator Contact: Elizabeth Cobia, K-12 English Language Arts Supervisor

System Level Administrator Phone Number: (770) 426-3458 **Email:** elizabeth.cobia@cobbk12.org

Title of Student Work:

Student Name:

_____ **Grade** _____

Parent/Guardian Name:

Student Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Student Home Address:

Street/P.O. Box City Zip

School Contact (teacher/principal):

School: _____

School Phone: _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

*By signing below, I **affirm** this writing entry is my own original, unassisted work. I agree to have my work entered into the Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition to represent my grade for my local school system.*

Student Signature _____

Date _____

By signing below, I affirm that I give my permission for the work of the above named student author, for whom I am the parent/guardian, to be entered into the Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition, and for that work to be shared and/or published by the Georgia Department of Education and/or the Georgia Language Arts Supervisors for non-profit purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

By signing below, I affirm that I am a system level administrator and am coordinating the entry of all winning student work from this system for the 2017-2018 Young Georgia Authors Competition. I affirm that the work of the above named student author has been chosen to represent this system for the grade level indicated.

System Level Administrator Signature _____

Date _____

* Unsigned or incomplete forms will cause the attached entry to be disqualified. Attach this completed form to the top of each student entry, along with one photocopy of the entry. Remove the student's name and school from the entry itself. Label the top of each page of

the entry with the student's initials, grade level, and RESA number. Please make a copy of the entry before submitting. Entries will not be returned.

Please use the rubric for scoring pieces in the school competition.

DOMAIN	SUB CATEGORY	MAXIMUM POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
IDEAS			
40%	Depth of development/creativity	5	
	Sense of completeness	5	
	Focus	5	
	Relevance of detail	5	
STYLE			
20%	Voice	5	
	Diction	5	
ORGANIZATION			
20%	Sequence of Ideas	5	
	Appropriate Organizational Strategies	5	
CONVENTIONS			
20%	Clarity of meaning	5	
	Overall Mechanics	5	
TOTAL POINTS			
Please do not submit rubrics or send writing process pieces with the winning entries. District winners will be announced in March.			