

Reading Bingo Blackout

What is Reading Bingo?

Reading Bingo is an optional reading incentive program designed to motivate and reward students for reading a variety of books. Students will not receive a grade for participating, and participation is not required.

How does it work?

Early in the school year, students will be given their first Reading Bingo card. Each time the student reads a book in one of the categories, write the title of the book in that space. When the entire card is filled out, have a parent, guardian, or teacher sign the bottom and return the card to the library. Each time the student completes a card; he/she will win a prize and advance to the next level. Completed cards will be kept in a binder in the library.

Why are there specific reading categories on the card?

Listing reading categories serves two purposes: it encourages students to use the library catalog to find different kinds of books, and it encourages them to read books about a wide variety of topics.

Other important information

- You may read the books in any order on your card and choose any titles that fit the categories. The books may come from any source (BPES library, public library, book fair, classroom, friends, home, etc.).
- The cards should be signed only when they are completely filled out (before they are turned in to the library). Please do not sign cards until all the spaces on the card are completely filled in.
- Each grade will have different book categories on their Bingo cards. There are six card levels (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) for each grade. You may not skip levels.
- Any book read **by** or **to** the student between August 25, 2008 and April 24, 2009 may count. (Even older students like to be read to every now and then!) Books used for other reading programs (Six Flags Reading, etc.) also can be used.
- Books read in class, by teachers, by a librarian, for class assignments, or in a book club may also count.
- The program ends on Friday, April 24, 2009. No new books or cards will be accepted after April 24.
- Your card must be completely full and contain a parent, guardian, or teacher's signature before you can turn it in. Partially completed or unsigned cards will not count.
- Turn in your card in the library. You will get a new card (color-coded for the next level) when you turn in your completed card.
- Each book counts only once. You may not repeat the same book on two separate cards.
- **IMPORTANT!** Students are not allowed to turn in completed Bingo cards until they have worked on the card for at least **two** weeks. When a student first receives a new card, a date will be stamped on the upper right corner. No cards will be accepted before that date has passed. This ensures that students are not racing through their books just to receive a prize.

Prizes

Red level—key ring + Reading Road Trip charm
Orange level—one charm of your choice
Yellow level—one charm of your choice
Green level—one charm of your choice
Blue level—one charm of your choice
Purple level—one charm of your choice + t-shirt