

READ. SCORE. WIN.

READ TO THE FINAL FOUR

Read to the Final Four (RTTFF), is a reading challenge for local 3rd graders, offering a unique opportunity to get engaged with the 2025 NCAA Men's Final Four at no cost, while fostering a lifelong love of reading.

Schools advance based on the average number of minutes read during each round of the tournament, with a chance to earn free books and a grand prize!



304

SCHOOLS

1,34

CLASSROOMS

26,784

3RD GRADERS





REGULAR SEASON

November 4 - December 15

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

December 23 - January 5

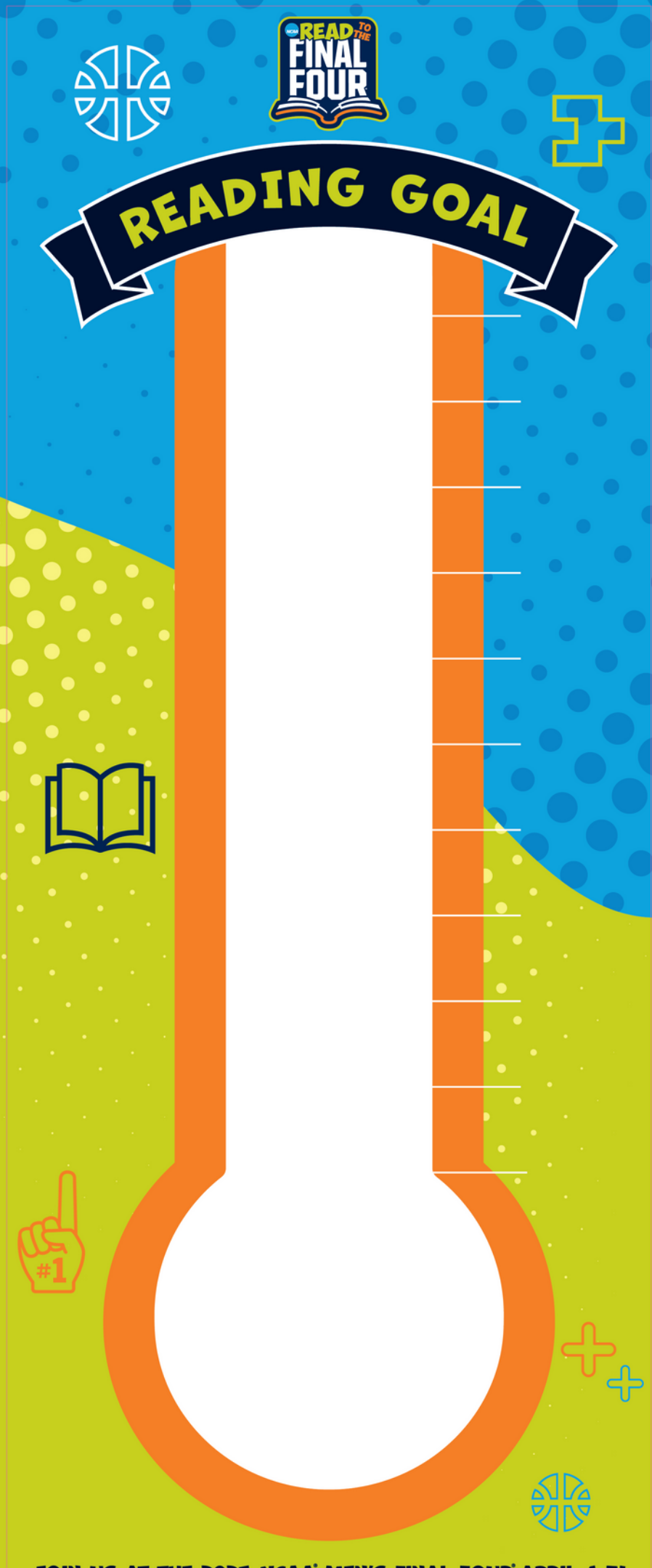
BRACKET CHALLENGE

January 13 - March 9

FINAL FOUR



April 4, 2025



GOAL: READ

25 MILLION
MINUTES

IN 2025

MY READING PLEDGE

I will READ each morning, day and night.
I will read everything in sight.

I will read things that make me smile.
I will read enough words to extend a mile.

I will read to make me smarter.
I will read to make my thinking go farther.





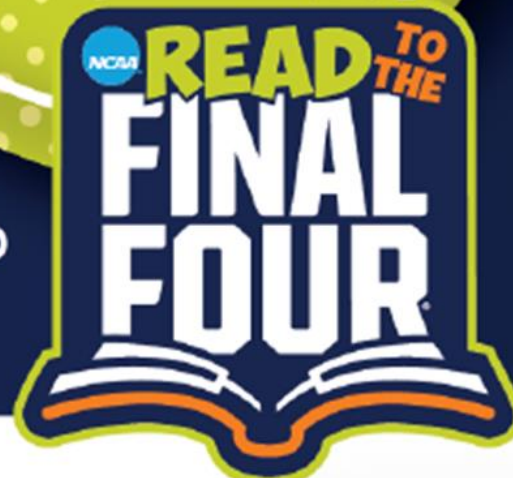
READ MORE. SCORE PRIZES. WIN BIG.

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NCAA® MEN'S FINAL FOUR®

APRIL 4-7

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REGULAR SEASON

November 4 - December 15, 2024

Top 68 schools will advance to the tournament bracket to win prizes and books!



STUDENT NAME:

TEACHER:



STEP 1 - Read at least **25 minutes** everyday.

STEP 2 - Record your minutes & add up the total.

STEP 3 - Turn in your reading log every **MONDAY**.

STEP 4 - Read the most minutes and WIN!

WEEK:

SCORE

ADULT INITIALS



Total minutes read this week.



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PRIZES

ALL PARTICIPANTS

Bookmark and Stickers



ROUND OF 68

JAN. 13-26

Books and Buttons



ROUND OF 32

JAN. 27-FEB. 9

Books and Crocs Charm



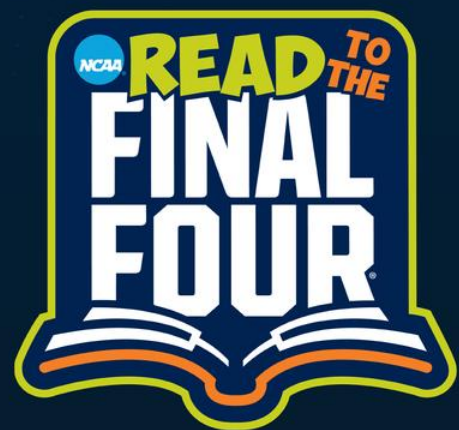
SWEET 16 | FEB. 10-23

Books and Keychain



ELITE 8® | FEB. 24-MARCH 2

Books and Slap Bracelet



FINAL FOUR SCHOOLS

FINAL FOUR® | MARCH 3-9



Books



T-Shirt



Final Four
Field Trip



Teacher
Gift Cards



Bag



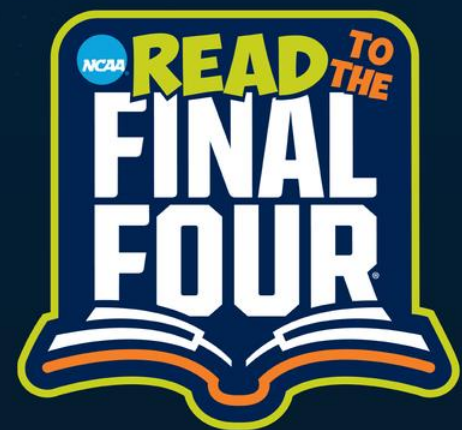
TOP READERS

WINNING SCHOOL

\$5,000 Scholastic Library

TOP 10 HOLIDAY CHALLENGE READERS

\$100 Gift Card



DOES & DOES NOT COUNT

DOES COUNT:

- Additional time given for reading challenges.
- Participation in school-created reading challenges.
- Reading after finishing classwork.
- Choosing reading over recess/gym.
- Reading during lunch.
- Reading in the pickup/drop-off line.
- Any reading done at home, signed off by a parent.
- Reading minutes logged on Beanstalk and MyOn.
- 3rd-grade students reading to other students or faculty.
- Other students or faculty reading to 3rd graders.

DOES NOT COUNT:

- Minutes read during regularly scheduled class time.

Exceptions:

- English, Reading, Literacy, ELA
 - If another teachers opts out of teaching their subject to read instead those minutes count
- Reading done during library time if it is on the 3rd graders' schedule.
- **Exception:**
 - Unless you create a challenge in replace of your lesson specified for the Read to the Final Four program
- Any time already designated for reading.

Reason:

- This is a rule because this challenge was created to encourage additional reading not already scheduled reading
- Lexia Core 5 or Amplify minutes.
- Reading instructions to the class
 - This program counts minutes for story or books only, although instructions can be long it won't count



FAQ

- **Who logs minutes into Helper Helper?**

The designated staff member with access to Helper Helper will receive an automated email every Monday with a reminder and a link to log the minutes before 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

- **What is considered the “reading week”?**

The reading week is from Monday to Sunday.

- **Who do the students turn their minutes in to?**

The students will submit their minutes to their 3rd-grade teacher every Monday and will receive a new log to start working on.

- **What does the teacher do with the minutes received from students?**

Once the teachers receive the minutes from all their students, they will calculate the total minutes read by their class and send the sum to their campus admin, who has access to Helper Helper.

- **What happens once the admin receives all the minutes from their 3rd-grade teacher?**

After the admin receives all the minutes from the 3rd-grade teachers, they will:

- Click the link sent from Helper Helper on Monday.
- Sign in, enter the minutes for each class, and click "Save Reading Minutes."
- Log out and repeat the same process next week.

- **Will we be able to know our standings?**

You will be able to see the total number of minutes you have logged. We will not reveal individual rankings to prevent discouragement. However, you can see the average number of minutes read in total to gauge where you stand relative to others.

- **What happens to those who do not qualify for the Bracket season?**

We have a tournament called "Best of the Rest" that comes with its own incentives. We avoid using the word "eliminated" because no one should stop reading throughout the challenge. As the city of San Antonio, our goal for this program is to collectively read 25 million minutes.



FAQ CONT.

- **Will we get notified if we proceed to the next Bracket?**

Yes, we will have a bracket announcement for each round of the tournament.

- **Will schools compete based on size?**

No, the challenge was designed to take the average minutes read per school. This is why it's important to track your students accurately and update them if they change.

- **My school is out for Thanksgiving Break do my kids need to still read?**

- YES!! We encourage reading over Thanksgiving Break. If your break is 2 weeks give the students 2 logs before dismissal. Have them bring them both completed logs back the Monday you return.
- The teacher will calculate the minutes per week. Send 2 sets of number to the admin to log the minutes.
- The admin will then click on helper helper link and log the minutes matching the weeks. So, if your students are gone Nov 18th- 24th & Nov 25th – Dec 1st when they return on the 2nd collect the minutes and log each week separately. The date should still be available to log on the dropdown.

- **How do I edit my information on Helper Helper to change teachers or number of students?**

With the link you receive from Helper Helper, go to the “Settings” tab, which allows you to update all necessary information.

- **If I log my minutes incorrectly, who do I reach out to?**

Please feel free to reach out to ReadtotheFinalFour@Sanantoniosports.org.

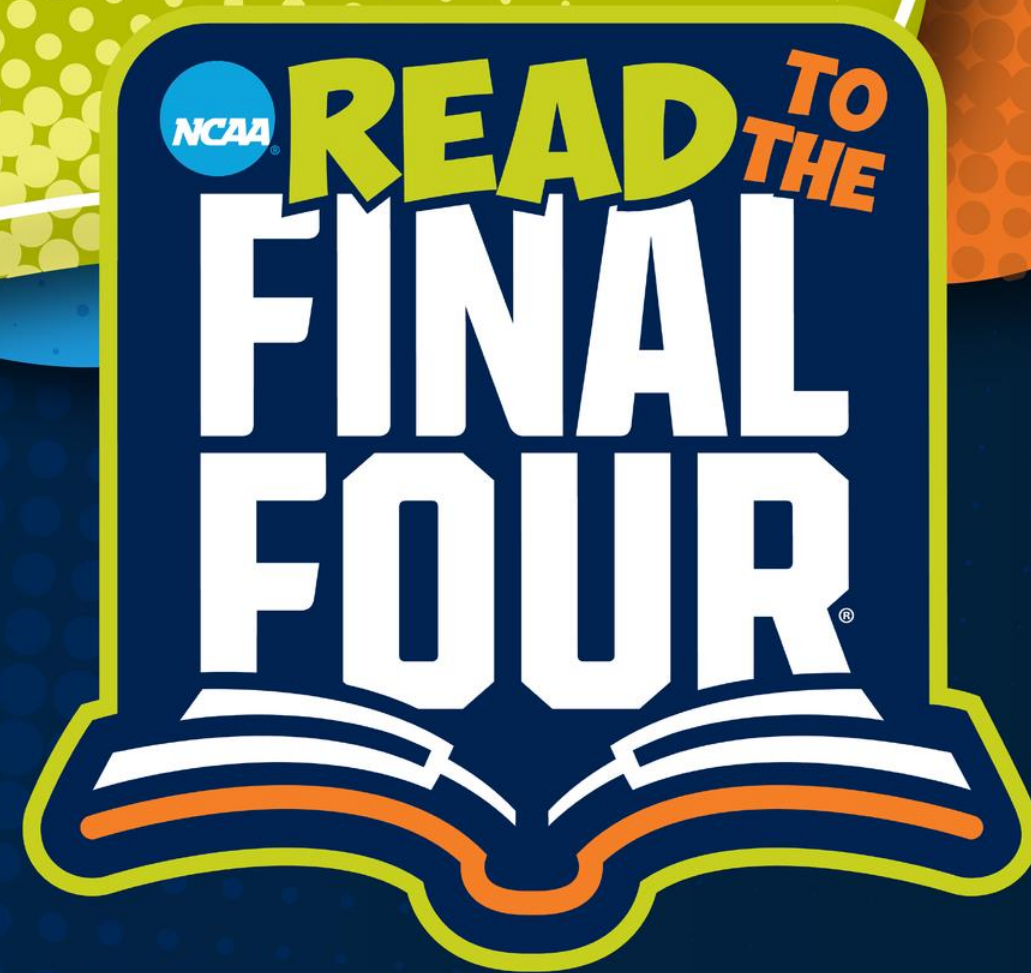
- **Where can I find the link to the resources for Helper Helper?**

- We are working on getting the link on Helper Helper but as for now please refer to this link : [RttFF Resources](#)

- **Where can I watch the admin recap from October 23rd , 2024?**

- Here is the link : [Office hour recording](#)





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