

“ I think my students gained a new perspective on college and careers through their participation in the Big Cheese Reads. In addition, they received support and encouragement about education, the importance of literacy in all areas, and the need for perseverance in achieving goals in life. ”

-- Boston Public Schools Teacher



The Big Cheese Reads FAQs

For Readers

How do I get to the school and where do I park once I arrive?

You will receive a packet of information two weeks before your scheduled reading with directions and parking options. Be aware that at some schools only street parking is available; please let us know in advance if this will be an issue.

What time should I arrive?

Plan to be at the school about 15-20 minutes before your reading time. We try to have a room set aside where you can meet the principal and the other readers who are participating in The Big Cheese Reads that day.

Once inside the school, where do I go?

The main entrance will have a blue sign with the full name of the school and an intercom system. Please follow the signs to the Main Office. From there someone will be able to escort you to the room where we will meet before the reading begins. **Please do not go to the classroom without an escort.**

How many reading selections should I choose to read?

Please choose only one of the five reading selections that will supply.

How many students are in a class?

Typically, a class has about 22 students in it, although some classes are smaller. In the case of a reader cancellation, you may be asked to read to two classes combined. In these cases we try to only combine smaller classes together.

What kinds of questions will they have prepared?

The students are encouraged to ask questions about reading, your career, your education - the biographies you provide are the best indication of the questions that you will be asked. Students, being quite inquisitive have asked questions in the past such as, “How much money do you make a year?” Or, “What kind of car do you drive?” Answer these types of questions at your comfort level.

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How many times a year will I visit a class?

While you are only asked to visit the classroom once per academic year, if you are interested in reading multiple times we will do our best to arrange for you to do so.

What if I have to cancel? Can I reschedule?

A cancellation is very disappointing to a class of students who have prepared for your visit and is also difficult on a teacher who has planned your visit for that class period.

Occasionally, unavoidable situations do arise where readers must cancel and there are options for rescheduling. You are welcome to reschedule for another date. Rescheduling, which we encourage, depends on the school's availability. It becomes more difficult toward the end of the school year.

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