

District Summer Reading List

Incoming Tenth Graders for the 2022 – 2023 School Year

Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of summer reading is to encourage students to read (or have read aloud) an approved novel that appeals to their own personal interests, instilling a love of reading as well as increasing literacy across the district. The following books were chosen based on many criteria, including reading level, student interest, and more.

Students can choose one book to read over the summer from the grade-level list below.

Happy reading!



Title	Author	Genre	Synopsis
<i>The Odyssey</i> Digital version	Homer	Poetry	If the Iliad is the world's greatest war epic, the Odyssey is literature's grandest evocation of an everyman's journey through life. Odysseus' reliance on his wit and wiliness for survival in his encounters with divine and natural forces during his ten-year voyage home to Ithaca after the Trojan War is at once a timeless human story and an individual test of moral endurance.
<i>Alexander Hamilton</i>	Ron Chernow	Biography	Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ron Chernow presents a landmark biography of Alexander Hamilton, the Founding Father who galvanized, inspired, scandalized, and shaped the newborn nation. In the first full-length biography of Alexander Hamilton in decades, Ron Chernow tells the riveting story of a man who overcame all odds to shape, inspire, and scandalize the newborn America. The book became the inspiration for the hit musical, <i>Hamilton</i> , by Lin-Manuel Miranda.

*Teachers may request to add a book to this list by submitting it through the school's novel selection process.

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<i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i>	Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier	Historical Fiction	My Brother Sam Is Dead is a 1974 young-adult historical fiction novel by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier. The book takes place in Redding, Connecticut during the American Revolution, and is told from the perspective of a young boy, Tim Meeker.
<i>Great Expectations</i> <u>Digital version</u>	Charles Dickens	Fiction	In what may be Dickens's best novel, humble, orphaned Pip is apprenticed to the dirty work of the forge but dares to dream of becoming a gentleman — and one day, under sudden and enigmatic circumstances, he finds himself in possession of "great expectations." In this gripping tale of crime and guilt, revenge and reward, the compelling characters include Magwitch, the fearful and fearsome convict; Estella, whose beauty is excelled only by her haughtiness; and the embittered Miss Havisham, an eccentric jilted bride.
<i>Tears of a Tiger</i> <u>Digital version</u>	Sharon Draper	Fiction	After a car accident resulting in the death of his longtime friend and fellow Hazelwood Tiger, Andy, the driver, blames himself and cannot get past his guilt and pain. While his other friends have managed to work through their grief and move on, Andy allows death to become the focus of his life. In the months that follow the accident, the lives of Andy and his friends are traced through a series of letters, articles, homework assignments, and dialogues, and it becomes clear that Tigers do indeed need to cry.