

Southwest Career and Technical Academy Recommended 9th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Mr. LaPorte (Professional Academy)

- Automotive, Culinary, Dental, Hospitality & Tourism, Nursing, Respiratory Therapy

Mrs. Grossman (Design Academy)

- Entertainment Engineering, Interior Design, Fashion Design, Web Design, Video Game Design

Please choose (1) novel from the following list and read the text in its entirety. Once you have completed the novel, please complete the “SWCTA Summer Reading Assignment.”

Completion of this reading assignment will result in excusal from the mandatory writing assessment and will also earn each student a 10 point extra credit award towards their first quarter grade. This assignment is optional, but strongly encouraged.

9th Grade English IH Summer Reading List

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

- A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable tale of coming-of-age in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father -- a crusading local lawyer -- risks everything to defend a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

- Set during World War II in Germany, Markus Zusak’s groundbreaking new novel is the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside of Munich. Liesel scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can’t resist—books.

Night by Elie Wisel

- In Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel's memoir *Night*, a scholarly, pious teenager is wracked with guilt at having survived the horror of the Holocaust and the genocidal campaign that consumed his family.

My Sister’s Keeper by Jodi Picoult

- Anna was genetically engineered to be a perfect match for her cancer-ridden older sister. Since birth, the 13-year-old has donated platelets, blood, her umbilical cord, and bone marrow as part of her family's struggle to lengthen Kate's life. Anna is now being considered as a kidney donor in a last-ditch attempt to save her 16-year-old sister. As this compelling story opens, Anna has hired a lawyer to represent her in a medical emancipation suit to allow her to have control over her own body.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L’Engel

- *A Wrinkle in Time*, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem.

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

- Melinda Sordino busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops. Now her old friends won't talk to her, and people she doesn't even know hate her from a distance. The safest place to be is alone, inside her own head. But even that's not safe.

Life as We Knew It by Susan B. Pfeiffer

- It's almost the end of Miranda's sophomore year in high school, and her journal reflects the busy life of a typical teenager: conversations with friends, fights with mom, and fervent hopes for a driver's license. When Miranda first begins hearing the reports of a meteor on a collision course with the moon, it hardly seems worth a mention in her diary. But after the meteor hits, pushing the moon off its axis and causing worldwide earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanoes, all the things Miranda used to take for granted begin to disappear.
- If you have any problems locating the texts or require an alternative reading selection due to the content of the texts, please email the appropriate teacher.
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