

# Reading Lists

## Middle School

**ELAR Department required academic standards novel list by grade level; and approved novels.**

### 6th Grade Standards

- Bridge to Terabithia
- Bud, Not Buddy
- The Cay
- Dacey's Song
- Maniac Magee
- Out of the Dust
- Phantom Tollbooth
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
- Single Shard\*
- Stargirl
- Taking Sides
- Tuck Everlasting
- The Westing Game
- Where the Lilies Bloom

### 7th Grade Standards

- A Christmas Carol
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- Clay Marble
- Downriver
- The Giver
- The Hobbit
- Holes
- Homecoming
- Let the Circle Be Unbroken
- Letters to Oma
- Lightning Thief\*
- Notes From a Midnight Driver
- Switching Well
- Treasure Island
- A Wrinkle in Time
- Walk Two Moons

### 8th Grade Standards

- Across Five Aprils
- Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
- Call of the Wild
- Criss Cross
- Gathering Blue

- The Glory Field
- Habibi
- Nothing but the Truth
- The Outsiders
- The Road to Memphis
- Touching Spirit Bear\*
- Watership Down
- The Weirdo
- Witch of Blackbird Pond
- Wizard of Earthsea

\*Required for Reading Department

Note: Reading teachers are required to teach one novel from the Academic Standards Grade-level List. Likewise, English teachers are also required to teach one novel from the Academic Standards Grade-level List. Middle school students will receive direct teacher instruction in novel study by reading and discussing at least two required novels from the above Academic Standards Grade-level List per year.

## Books approved for classroom instruction in Northside ISD Middle Schools

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Author	Title	Note
Adams	Watership Down	Recommended for 8th Academic Standards
Alcott	Little Men	
Alcott	Little Women	
Alcott	Eight Cousins	
Alvarez	T. Rex and the Crater of Doom	Recommended for Science Connection
Ames	Anna to the Infinite Power	
Archer	A House Divided	
Armor	Farewell to Manzanar	
Arrick	Chernowitz	
Avi	Something Upstairs	
Avi	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	
Avi	The Fighting Ground	
Avi	Nothing but the Truth	Recommended for 8th Academic Standards

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Note</b>
Babbitt	Tuck Everlasting	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards
Bauer	On My Honor	
Baum	The Wizard of Oz	
Beatty	Lupita Manana	6th grade
Beatty	Wait for Me, Watch for Me, Eula Bee	
Bertrand	Trino's Choice	
Bradbury	Dandelion Wine	
Bradbury	The Martian Chronicles	
Bradbury	Something Wicked This Way Comes	
Bunting	Someone Is Hiding on Alcatraz Island	
Burnett	Secret Garden	
Byars	The Pinballs	
Calvert	Bigger	
Carter	I'd Tell You I Love You, but Then I'd Have to Kill You	Small group study, 6th-8th
Chima	The Warrior Heir	
Christie	Murder on the Orient Express	
Clare	City of Bones	
Cleaver	Where the Lilies Bloom	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards
Coerr	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	
Collier	My Brother Sam Is Dead	
Collier	With Every Drop of Blood	English only
Collins	Catching Fire	Small group instruction, 7-8
Collins	The Hunger Games	
Collins	Mockingjay	Small group instruction, 8
Colum	The Children's Homer: Adventures of Odysseus	

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	and the Tale of Troy	
Condi	Matched	
Conrad	My Daniel	
Cooney	The Face on the Milk Carton	
Cormier	Tunes for Bears to Dance to	
Creech	Walk Two Moons	
Curtis	Bud, Not Buddy	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards
Curtis	Watsons Go to Birmingham	
Daly	Seventeenth Summer	
Dashner	The Maze Runner	Small group instruction, 7th and 8th
DeFelice	Weasel	
DeFoe	Robinson Crusoe	
Dickens	A Christmas Carol	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Donnelly	A Northern Light	Small group instruction for 8th
Draper	Romiette and Julio	Small group instruction only
Duncan	Stranger with My Face	
Duncan	Down a Dark Hall	
DuPrau	City of Ember	
Edwards	Stand and Deliver (anthology 8th)	
Early	Jim the Boy	Small group instruction only
Evslin	The Trojan War	
Fast	April Morning	
Flake	The Skin I'm In	Small group instruction only
Fleischman	Seedfolks	
Finn	Beastly	Small group instruction, 8th

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Forbes	Johnny Tremain	
Fox	Monkey Island	
Frank	Anne Frank: the Diary of a Young Girl	Required for 8th Academic Standards in English
Gaines	A Gathering of Old Men	
Garland	Line in the Sand	
George	Julie of the Wolves	
Gipson	Savage Sam	
Goldman	The Princess Bride	Whole class, 7th and 8th
Greene	Summer of My German Soldier	
Griffin	The Switching Well	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Gurasich	Letters to Oma	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Haddix	Among the Hidden	
Haddix	Running Out of Time	
Hahn	Stepping on the Cracks	
Hahn	Wait Till Helen Comes	
Hale	Dark Water Rising	Small group instruction, 7th
Halmam	Taylor Five	
Halvorson	Cowboys Don't Cry	
Hamilton	The House of Dies Drear	
Han	Shug	Small group instruction, 7th and 8th
Hesse	Out of the Dust	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards
Heyerdahl	Kon Tiki	
Hinton	That Was Then, This Is Now	
Hinton	The Outsiders	Recommended for 8th Academic Standards

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Hinton	Tex	Small group instruction, 8th
Ho	Clay Marble	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Hobbs	Beardance	
Hobbs	Bearstone	
Hobbs	Changes in Latitudes	
Hobbs	Kokopelli's Flute	
Hobbs	The Maze	
Hobbs	Downriver	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Hobbs	River Thunder	
Holm	I Am David	
Holt	My Louisiana Sky	
Holt	When Zachary Beaver Came to Town	
Hunt	Across Five Aprils	Recommended for 8th Academic Standards
Hunt	The Lottery Rose	
Ingold	Pictures, 1918	
Johnson	Heaven	Small group instruction only
Jones	The Acorn People	
Juster	The Phantom Tollbooth	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards
King	I Have a Dream	
Kipling	The Jungle Book	
Korman	No More Dead Dogs	Small group instruction only
Korman	Schooled	
LeGuin	A Wizard of Earthsea	
L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards

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Lewis	The Chronicles of Narnia	
Lewis	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	
Lewis	The Magician's Nephew	
Lewis	The Voyage of the Dawn Treader	
Lipsyte	The Contender	
London	Call of the Wild	Recommended for 8th Academic Standards
London	White Fang	
Lord	A Night to Remember	
Lord	Rules	
Lowry	Gathering Blue	
Lowry	The Giver	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Lowry	Messenger	Small group instruction, 7th
Mah	Chinese Cinderella	
Mass	Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life	
Matas	Daniel's Story	
McGraw	The Golden Goblet	
Mikaelsen	Touching Spirit Bear	Required for 8th graders in Reading
Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables	
Meyer	Twilight	Small group instruction only
Myers	The Glory Field	Recommend for 8th Academic Standards
Naylor	Shiloh Season	
Nixon	Search for the Shadowman	
Nixon	The Weekend Was Murder	
Nye	Habibi	Recommended for 8th Academic Standards
O'Brien	Z for Zachariah	

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Paolini	Eragon	
Park, Linda Sue	A Single Shard	Required for 6th graders in Reading
Paterson	Bridge to Terabithia	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards
Paterson	Lyddie	
Paterson	Jacob Have I Loved	
Patterson	Maximum Ride: Angel Experiment	
Paulsen	The Crossing	
Paulsen	Guts	Small group instruction for 6th
Paulsen	Nightjohn	
Paulsen	The River	
Paulsen	Woodsong	
Peck	Long Way from Chicago	
Perkins	Criss Cross	Recommended for 8th Academic Standards
Peters	Define Normal	
Philbrick	Freak, the Mighty	
Pierson	The Adoration of Jenna Fox	
Raskin	The Westing Game	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards
Rawls	Where the Red Fern Grows	
Reeder	Shades of Gray	
Reiss	The Upstairs Room	
Richter	The Light in the Forest	
Richter	Friedrich	
Rinaldi	Wolf by the Ears	
Riordan, Rick	Lightning Thief	Required for 7th graders in Reading



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Riordan, Rick	Sea of Monsters	Small group, 7th and 8th
Rock	A House Without a Christmas Tree	
Sachar	Holes	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Saroyan	The Human Comedy	
Schaefer	Shane	
Sebestyen	Words by Heart	
Shakespeare	A Midsummer Night's Dream	
Shelfman	A Paradise Called Texas	
Shusterman	The Schwa Was Here	
Snyder	The Egypt Game	Small group instruction, 6th
Sonnenblick	Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie	
Sonnenblick	Notes From a Midnight Driver	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Sonnenblick	Zen and the Art of Faking It	
Sorensen	Miracles on Maple Street	
Soto	Living up the Street	
Soto	Neighborhood Odes	
Soto	Taking Sides	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards
Soto	Pool Party	
Soto	The Skirt	
Speare	The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Recommended for 8th Academic Standards
Spinelli	Crash	Small group instruction only
Spinelli	Maniac Magee	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards in Reading
Spinelli	Stargirl	
Steinbeck	The Red Pony	

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Stevenson	Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Whole class, 8th
Stevenson	Kidnapped	
Stevenson	Treasure Island	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Swanson	Chasing Lincoln's Killer	Whole class instruction, 7th and 8th
Taylor	The Cay	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards
Taylor	Let the Circle Be Unbroken	
Taylor	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards
Taylor	Trouble with Tuck	
Taylor	The Weirdo	Recommended for 8th Academic Standards
Tolkien	The Hobbit	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Turner	The Thief	Small group instruction only
Twain	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Twain	The Prince and the Pauper	
Ursu	The Shadow Thieves	
Verne	Around the World in Eighty Days	
Voigt	The Callender Papers	
Voigt	Dacey's Song	Recommended for 6th Academic Standards
Voigt	The Homecoming	Recommended for 7th Academic Standards
Voigt	Izzy, Willy-Nilly	
Voigt	Jackaroo	
Voigt	The Runner	
Voigt	A Solitary Blue	

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Wells	The War of the Worlds	Small group instruction, 8th
Whelan	Homeless Bird	
Whitney	The Other Half of Life	
Wisler	All for Texas	
Yolen	The Devil's Arithmetic	