



The English departments for grades 5-8 will all be implementing a new English curriculum, starting in the 2017-2018 school year, for regular English classes. This curriculum focuses on student engagement through reading, writing, and research. Our new English curriculum uses the "Understanding by Design" unit design, to ensure that teachers are leading students towards a specific, rigorous, relevant learning goal in every lesson and throughout the year.

UE5G:

In the fifth grade, students will read from a variety of novels to be exposed to a wide range of diversity and genres. Such novels include the following:

- Unit 1 Novel Options:
 - Birchbark House
 - Island of Blue Dolphins
 - Sing Down the Moon
 - Indian Captive
 - The Talking Earth
 - Teammates
- Unit 2: The Many Lives of Benjamin Franklin
- Unit 3 options:
 - Sophia's War
 - The Notorious Benedict Arnold
 - Fever 1793
 - The Fighting Ground
 - The Secret of Sarah Revere
 - My Brother Sam is Dead
 - Chains
 - Forged
 - The Winter of Red Snow
- Unit 4 options:
 - The Yearling
 - Where the Red Fern Grows
 - Freak The Mighty
 - Holes
 - Stargirl
 - Flipped
 - Tuck Everlasting
 - Bridge to Terabithia
 - Number the Stars

**RMS:**

In the sixth grade, students will read the novels *Iqbal* by Francesco D'Adamo, *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie, and *Dragonwings* by Laurence Yep. In seventh grade, students will read *The Midwife's Apprentice* by Karen Cushman, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *A Play* by Francis Goodrich and Albert Hackett, and *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson, as well as experience literature circles where students get to select novels to read through together.

RJHS:

In the eighth grade, students will continue with literature circles, having more choice from the following texts: *The Hobbit*, *Lord of the Flies*, *Old Man in the Sea*, *Night*, *The Outsiders*, *Inside Out and Back Again*, *Anthem*, *The Giver*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Grades 9-12 English will be implementing their new English curriculum in the year 2018-2019, and more information will be released soon on what their novels will be.

Pre-AP English Curriculum

Grades 6-10 PreAP English classes have also adopted a new English curriculum from the AP Collegeboard, called Springboard. This curriculum is geared towards preparing students for the high level AP English courses offered at our high school, AP Literature and AP Language. This curriculum has more writing throughout the year, and students are expected to read novels independently, outside of school, in each unit. Both AP tests do ask students to write and refer to novels for evidence to back up their claims. We are excited to experience this new Springboard curriculum in the 2017-2018 school year.

Here are the novels that will be read during class in each grade level. Please keep in mind there is also a lot of outside independent reading assigned at each grade.

- 6th grade - *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
- 7th grade - *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor
- 8th grade - *The Giver* by Lois Lowry or *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- 9th grade - *Romeo & Juliet* by William Shakespeare and *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- 10th grade - *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe