

Hanover Central High School Summer Reading Policy 2019

PURPOSE: The summer reading program at Hanover Central High School meets the Indiana College and Career Readiness standard for critical reading. Through summer reading, students improve their ability to read and comprehend complex texts independently and proficiently. Further, summer reading prevents a decline in achievement, also referred to as “summer slide”.

All young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer. Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer (White, 1906; Heyns, 1978; Entwisle & Alexander 1992; Cooper, 1996; Downey et al, 2004).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

All non-AP English students enrolled for the 2019-20 school year will read one (1) summer reading book. All AP English students enrolled for the 2019-20 school year will read two (2) summer reading books.

- All students enrolled in English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12, and Film Lit will choose one (1) book to read from lists assigned to each class. Students in non-honors classes may choose tests from the honors/AP lists in the same grade level.
- All students enrolled in Honors English 9, Honors English 10, and Honors English 11 will read **ONE REQUIRED** book. That title has been selected by the department and will not change.
- AP English Literature & Composition students will read **TWO REQUIRED** books.

The AP summer reading test scores will be averaged together. The averaged score will count as ten percent (10%) of the first quarter’s grade. All tests weigh equally in the computation of the grade.

There will be no summer test dates. All tests **MUST** be taken on the assigned dates at the start of the school year.

- All students enrolled in English will test on **Wednesday, August 21, 2019.**
- The second book test date for AP English will be **Friday, August 23, 2019.**
- All summer reading tests will consist of objective selected response questions, and each student’s English teacher will administer all tests.
- If for any reason a student is absent during summer reading testing, he/she will take an alternate test. The alternate test will be a short answer format.
- The alternate test date will be announced during the first week of school.
- If a student misses the alternate test date and does not make arrangements with his/her teacher, that student will receive a zero for any missing tests.

The completion of this testing is the responsibility of each student.

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. If a student who has not attended Hanover Community Schools enrolls in the district **on or after August 15**, that student will receive a waiver from reading the required book.
2. Expulsion does not exempt students from the reading tests. The tests must be taken within the first week of the student’s return to school. Students returning from an expulsion/suspension will take an alternate test form for any missing summer reading tests.
3. Students who add, drop, or switch courses **WITHIN THE DROP-ADD PERIOD** at the beginning of the first semester may test from the summer reading list for the class in which they began the school year.
4. Students retaking English 9, 10, or 11 only need to read a book for the class they will be entering in that given school year. They do not have double the number of books to read.
5. Students from surrounding schools (including private) who have received the summer reading policy will follow rules for Hanover Community School Corporation students.