

Paramus Public Schools
Instructions for Summer Reading
2020-2021

All questions regarding summer reading must be directed to the proper content area supervisor as follows:

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RATIONALE FOR SUMMER READING:

Irrefutable research supports that students who read continually over the summer maintain competency both in fluency (the ease with which we read) and comprehension (the ability to read, process, and understand what we read). Paramus Public Schools are committed to ensuring our students flex their reading muscles over the summer. We encourage students to select books of interest, with parent/guardian approval, to enhance not only their fluency and comprehension but also their desire to read. You will find an overview of the Paramus Public School Reading Program for all courses and levels below.

EXPECTATIONS FOR GENERAL SUMMER READING FOR ALL STUDENTS, GRADES 9-12:

All students are encouraged to read four books over the summer. Links are provided below to help students select texts of interest with approval from parents/guardians. For general summer reading, students may read any genre, whether fiction or nonfiction. Students are encouraged to speak with a parent/guardian when selecting texts to ensure that the content is appropriate for them.

In September, students will discuss the books they read over the summer with peers and their teacher. There will be no formal or graded assessment of general summer reading.

Please check the honors and Advanced Placement (AP) summer reading section below. Honors and AP summer reading is assessed and graded. Please check assignments and due dates carefully, **which will be updated by June 26, 2020.**

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ENGLISH HONORS AND/OR ONE OR MORE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (ALL AP COURSES):

Students enrolled in any English honors or any Advanced Placement course(s) must complete a separate assignment for these courses and will receive specific instructions for each assignment—including due dates— before the end of the school year. The link to English honors and AP assignments in all subjects/courses **will be added to this document by June 26, 2020 emailed to parents/guardians and posted on the Paramus High School website.**

ADVANCED PLACEMENT, ENGLISH HONORS ASSIGNMENTS, DUE DATES AND SUGGESTED READING TITLES FOR GENERAL SUMMER READING TITLES:

Please note that English honors and Advanced Placement assignments will be updated by June 26, 2020. Please check your email and the Paramus High School website for updates for honors and AP assignments. All English honors classes in grade 9-12 require specific reading assignments that are graded.

As always, our wonderful colleagues and friends at the [Paramus Public Library](#) are willing to assist you.

The websites below may help you select great reads for the summer for the general summer reading assignment:

[Good Reads High School](#)

[Common Sense Media](#)

[Bergen County Cooperative Library System](#)