



Curriculum & Instruction

Board Approved Novels for Middle School Grades 6 - 8

Sixth Grade (6):	
Title	Author
<i>Unit 1: Childhood</i>	
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis
Among the Hidden	Margaret Peterson
Boy of the Painted Cave	Justin Denzel
<i>Unit 2: Animal Allies</i>	
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling
Touching Spirit Bear	Ben Mikaelson
<i>Unit 3: Modern Technology</i>	
Anything But Typical	Nora Raleigh Baskin
Incarceron	Catherine Fisher
<i>Unit 4: Imagination</i>	
The Sword and the Circle	Rosemary Sutcliff
Watership Down	Richard Adams
The Enchanted Castle	E. Nesbit
<i>Unit 5: Exploration</i>	
Around the World in 80 Days	Jules Verne
The House of Dies Drear	Virginia Hamilton
The Lightning Thief – Percy Jackson	Rick Riordan

Seventh Grade (7)	
Title	Author
<i>Unit 1: Generations</i>	
Fair Weather	Richard Peck
Ribbons	Lawrence Yep
Stand Tall	Joan Bauer
<i>Unit 2: A Starry Home</i>	
Crater	Homer Hickman
Transall Saga	Gary Paulson
Parasite Pig	William Sleator
<i>Unit 3: Turning Points</i>	
Hush	Jacqueline Woodson
Whirligig	Paul Fleischman
The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins
<i>Unit 4: People on the Planet</i>	
Hoot	Carl Hiaasen
Downriver	Will Hobbs
River Thunder	Will Hobbs
<i>Unit 5: Facing Adversity</i>	
The Clay Marble	Minfong Ho
Letters from Rifka	Karen Hesse
No Promises in the Wind	Irene Hunt
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munouz Ryan

Eighth Grade (8)	
Title	Author
<i>Unit 1: Rites of Passage</i>	
The Outsiders	S. E. Hinton
Rules of the Road	Joan Bauer
The House on Mango Street	Sandra Cisneros
<i>Unit 2: The Holocaust</i>	

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas	John Boyne
The Devil's Arithmetic	Jane Yolen
The Book Thief	Markus Zusak
Code Talker	Joseph Bruchac
<i>Unit 3: What Matters</i>	
Farewell to Manzanar	James D. Houston & Wakatsuki Houston
Does My Head Look Big in This?	Randa Abdel-Fattah
Inside Out and Back Again	Thanhha Lai
<i>Unit 4: Human Intelligence</i>	
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card
Flowers for Algernon	David Rogers
Divergent	Veronica Roth
<i>Unit 5: Invention</i>	
Boy: Tales of Childhood	Roald Dahl
Time Machine	H.G. Wells
Robot Dreams	Isaac Asimov