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**Secondary 1 ELA Reading List**

**2016-2017**

**Students entering Secondary 1 must read the following two books:**

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| **Author** | **Title** | **NF/F** | **Description** |
| Fullerton, Alma | Libertad | F | Two brothers embark on a dangerous journey to find their father. |
| Sean Covey | The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens | NF |  |

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**Secondary 2 ELA Reading List**

**2016-2017**

**Students entering Secondary 2 should read ONE book from the following list:**

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| **Author** | **Title** | **NF/F** | **Description** |
| Anonymous | Go Ask Alice | F | A controversial 1971 book about the life of a troubled teen |
| Cashore, Kristen | Graceling | F | The story of Katsa, born with an exceptional skill that sets her apart from others |
| Clare, Cassandra | City of Bones | F | The first in a trilogy—an urban fantasy |
| Cronin, Justin | The Passage | F | A security breach at a secret government lab unleashes the monstrous product of a military experiment, causing chaos throughout the world. One refugee, Amy Bellafonte, holds the key to survival. |
| Dasher, James | The Maze Runner | F | Thomas’ memories don’t serve him well when he wakes on an elevator, only to find himself in the Glade, trapped by monsters and a maze tha changes daily. |
| Donnelly, Jennifer | Revolution | F | Haunted by the death of her brother, Andi is taken to Paris by her estranged father, where an encounter with a mysterious diary may bring her back from the edge. |
| Brooks, Martha | True Confessions of a Heartless Girl | F | Even when Noreen Stall has the best intentions, it seems that she screws everything up. When she makes so many mistakes that she starts to hate herself, she runs from the people who love her. |
| Mulligan, Andy | Trash | F | Three young teens, trash-pickers living in the city dump of an unnamed third world country, discover a mysterious bag one morning, triggering a chain of events that will change their lives forever. |
| Summers, Courtney | Some Girls Are | F | Regina used to be a member of the Fearless Five but is now being frozen out by her friends and must find acceptance among the peers she used to terrorize. |
| Westerfield, Scott  | The Uglies | F | Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can’t wait. Not for her license—for turning pretty. In Tally’s world, your sixteenth birthday brings an operation that turns you from a repellant ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty. |
| Yen, Adeline Mah | Chinese Cinderella | NF | An autobiography written by a woman in her fifties about her childhood. |

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**Secondary 3 ELA Reading List**

**2016-2017**

**All students entering Secondary 3 must read the following:**

*The Kite Runner* - Graphic Novel

* This powerful illustrated edition of the best-selling novel is not only a story of friendship and loss but one of the tragic events of modern Afghanistan.

**In addition, students must choose ONE additional title from the following list:**

*Looking for Alaska*, by John Green

* From the writer of *The Fault in our Stars*, the novel centres on the tragic relationship between Miles and the title character, Alaska Young.

*We Were Liars,* by E. Lockhart

* A deeply haunting mystery novel which takes place at a beach on summer vacation. The ending is not to be missed.

*Fever Pitch*, by Nick Hornby

* A funny and poignant glimpse into the coming of age story of a lifelong Arsenal football fan.

*The Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kidd

* An exploration of racism and loss through the eyes of a girl growing up in the American south

*I’ll Give you the Sun,* by Jandy Nelson

* Two twins who spend their early years inseparable are both marked by events that force them apart. Years later, they will need to find a way to get back.

*All American Boys,* by Jason Reynold

 Two teens- one white and one black get caught up in racial tensions caused by a police beating.

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**Secondary 4 ELA Reading List**

**2016-2017**

**Students entering Secondary 4 should read TWO books from the following list:**

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| **Author** | **Title** | **NF/F** | **Description** |
| Angelou, Maya | I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings | NF | World famous African American writer tells of her childhood, overcoming abuse, poverty and racism. |
| Card, Orson Scott | Ender’s Game | F | A brilliant child is raised by the military to defend earth from an alien threat. |
| Coupland, Douglas | Hey Nostradamus! | F | Using the voices of four characters deeply affected by a high school shooting, Coupland explores the lingering aftermath. |
| Ned Vizzini | It’s Kind Of A Funny Story | F | Ambitious New York City teenager Craig Gilner is determined to succeed at life, and when he makes his way into Manhattan's Executive Pre-Professional High School, the pressure becomes unbearable. |
| French, Thomas | Zoo Story: Life in the Garden of Captives | NF | A respected journalist explores the unpleasant truth behind zoos. |
| Hornby, Nick | Slam | F | Sam, a teenaged skater, gets the shock of his life when he finds out his girlfriend is pregnant. |
| Maguire, Gregory | Wicked | F | The background story of the Wicked Witch of the West and the Land of Oz. |
| Martel, Yann | Life of Pi | F | After a harrowing shipwreck, a boy finds himself adrift in the Pacific Ocean, trapped on a 26-foot lifeboat with a wounded zebra, a hyena, an orangutan and a 450-pound Bengal tiger. |
| Moore, Chistopher | A Dirty Job | F | Charlie Asher is a pretty normal guy until People start dropping dead around him and giant ravens perch on his building. It seems that he has been recruited for a new job, an unpleasant but utterly necessary one: Death. |
| Richler, Mordecai | The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz | F | The story of an overly-ambitious young Montrealer on his unscrupulous quest for fortune. |
| Zusak, Mark | The Book Thief | F | The book tackles one of the darkest moments in history—the holocaust—through the eyes of an orphaned young girl. |

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**Secondary 5 ELA Reading List**

**2016-17**

**Students entering Secondary 5 should read TWO selections: one fiction and one non-fiction.**

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| **Author** | **Title** | **NF/F** | **Description** |
| Abbott, Edwin A. | Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions(Dover Thrift Ed.) | F | An unusual narrative set in the world of math… |
| Alexis, Andre | Fifteen Dogs | F | Greek gods experiment… |
| Atwood, Margaret | The Handmaid’s Tale | F | A classic in the dystopia genre |
| Ferrante, Elena | My Brilliant Friend | F | A tale of friendship |
| King, Stephen | Different Seasons | F | Includes “The Body” “Apt Pupil” and “The Shawshank Redemption”  |
| Poe, Edgar Allan | The Gold-Bug & Other Tales (Dover Thrift Ed.) | F | Classic horror  |
| Uhlman, Fred | Reunion | F | Coming of age, WW II |
| Carnegie, Dale | How to Win Friends and Influence People | NF | Timeless advice from the master of the self-help genre |
| Gladwell, Malcolm | Outliers | NF | A “blueprint for making the most of human potential” |
| Strayed, Cheryl | Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail | NF | A memoir of discovery and redemption |
| Warhol, Andy | The Philosophy of Andy Warhol | NF  | A pop artist’s perspectives on life and art |
| Wolfe, Tobias | This Boy’s Life | NF | A coming of age memoir |