

Chiles High School Summer Reading FAQs

Why is summer reading assigned at Chiles High School?

By offering a variety of literary opportunities to our students, we hope to encourage them to become active readers and life-long learners. The primary goal of the summer reading requirements at Chiles is to keep students actively reading, thinking, and learning over the summer months. Studies show that “summer learning loss equates to approximately one month of instruction” (“Time, Learning, Learning Decay, and Summer Learning Losses”). Summer reading assignments are our way of combating this “summer slump.”

How are the summer reading books chosen?

All faculty and staff at Chiles are given the opportunity to recommend novels for summer reading. A minimum of two English teachers read the potential summer reading books and complete a form evaluating the merit of the book. The English teachers meet via grade-level meetings in the spring to discuss the recommended summer reading novels and decide on a list that would best suit students’ needs. The list contains one required book for English courses. English honors courses read one required book and choose a second book from among three options.

Who is required to complete a summer reading assignment?

All students have summer reading. The list is on the school website beginning in May. If the student transfers to Chiles during the summer, it is their responsibility to locate their assigned list based on their class.

Where can I find the required summer reading list?

Students can obtain a copy of the summer reading list from their English teacher, the front office, the Chiles website, the school library, public libraries, and area bookstores.

My student registered over the summer; does he/she still need to complete summer reading?

Yes, all students need to complete the summer reading assignment.

My student registered *after* July 31; does my student still need to complete summer reading?

Yes, all students need to complete the summer reading assignment.

However, students who register after July 31st will have an extended deadline.

How and when will summer reading be assessed (tested)?

The summer reading tests are administered during the first two weeks of school. Each grade level administers the tests on the same day. There are a minimum of twenty multiple choice questions. Additional assessments are provided at the teacher's preference.

Whom should I contact with questions regarding summer reading?

Book titles and applicable assignments are available on the school’s website, leonschools.net/chiles on May 1, 2019. If the student or parent has a direct question about a book, he or she may contact the teacher by email. Email addresses are also available on the Chiles website. Teachers are not always available during the summer; so, it may be necessary to contact the school for an alternative resource, (850) 488-1756.

Special Circumstances

If a family qualifies for free or reduced lunch, and cannot afford the books, there are a limited number of books available at school during the month of June. Contact Leisa Johnson at johnsonlv@leonschools.net

Per School Board Policy 2240, Leon County Schools recognizes that certain instructional materials may conflict with a student’s or parent’s value system. In such cases, a parent may request in writing an alternative summer reading assignment. Please direct inquiries to Ms. Calli Pickens, AP Curriculum and Instruction.