

**POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**HIGH SCHOOL APPROVED INSTRUCTIONAL READING LIST WITH GUIDELINES**

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## **GUIDELINES**

### **PURPOSE for the Approved Instructional Reading List**

The purpose of the “Approved Instructional Reading List” is solely to assist teachers in selecting reading materials that can be used in their classrooms for the purpose of INSTRUCTION.

Books included on this list provide teachers with a variety of CHOICES of classroom reading material which can be matched, most importantly, to their students’ levels of content and maturity, and secondarily, to the lexile range of the written text. No teacher should select books for instruction without considering student diversity.

It is requested that teachers honor the designated levels (middle, 9-12 and AP) to avoid repetition of instruction. However, if your students inform you that they have already read this selection, please view it as an opportunity for a reread without having to emphasize elements of plot.

The Instructional Reading Selection Committee is comprised of an equitable representation of middle, high and advanced placement teachers who are highly knowledgeable and well versed in literature.

### **~ EXPECTATIONS FOR THE CLASSROOM TEACHER ~**

It is the district’s expectation that a book **MUST** be on this list in order to be used for instructional purposes. Teachers are expected to submit, to their Language Arts and/or Reading Department heads, by August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, a list (maximum of ten books) that they are considering teaching during the upcoming year. A copy of each list will then be forwarded from the department head(s) to the school’s Assistant Principal of Curriculum. The books submitted **must be** on the Approved Instructional Reading List.

### **~ CHANGES TO THIS LIST ~**

If teachers wish to suggest changes to this list, they must complete the “REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO APPROVED INSTRUCTIONAL READING LIST” (available by link in Public Folders/Learning) and submit it to the current COMMITTEE CHAIR; that is designated at the bottom of the template. This form can be submitted by email and/or hard copy to the committee chair.

### **~ CRITERIA FOR SELECTION ~**

It is expected that a minimum of five members of the Approved Instructional Reading Selection Committee will read any book recommended for addition, deletion or level change. Their recommendation will then be sent to the Senior Curriculum Coordinators of Secondary Reading and Language Arts. The Senior Curriculum Coordinators will then confer with the appropriate Senior Director (of middle or high school) who will make the final decision. The teacher submitting the request will then be notified of the Senior Director’s decision. All submissions, deletions and level changes will be noted in the district document.

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## **READING SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Special appreciation to the many language arts and reading teachers/coaches that served on this committee, led by co-chairs, Elvira Randall and Diane Conley.

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF BOOKS

1. The book is a work of literary merit that represents a common genre, a literary period, and/or a noted author.
2. The book is well written.
3. The book is on reputable lists for recommended reading, such as Newberry, American Library Association, NCTE, ALAN, and state depository.
4. The book deals with contemporary and/or universal problems and issues.
5. The book encourages respect, compassion, and love for one's fellow man.
6. The book celebrates the worth and dignity of the individual.
7. The book shows fundamental truths and conditions of humanity.
8. The book is appropriate for the maturity level of the students.
9. The book is selected for its total effect.
10. The book and recommended grade level(s) are matched by approximate lexile levels.

**APPROVED READING LIST  
GRADES 9-12**

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<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Lexile</u>	<u>Additions/Deletions</u>
	The Bible	1150	
Adams, Douglas	Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	1000	
Adams, Richard	Watership Down	880	
Agee, James	A Death in the Family	1020	
Albee, Edward	*The Zoo Story	NP	
Albom, Mitch	For One More Day	1240	11-08
	Tuesdays With Morrie	1240	11-08
Alvarez, Julia	How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents	950	12-08
Anderson, Laura Halse	+Speak		
Aldrich, Bess	+Lantern in Her Hand	1020	
Angelou, Maya	*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	1070	
Asgedom, Mawi	Of Beetles and Angels		11-08
Asimov, Isaac	Fantastic Voyage	770	
	Foundation Trilogy	890	
	I, Robot	820	
Austen, Jane	*Emma	1070	
	*Pride and Prejudice	1190	
Baldwin, James	*Notes of a Native Son		
	*Go Tell It on the Mountain	1030	
Barrett, William E.	+The Lilies of the Field	770	
Baum, L. Frank	Wizard of Oz, The	1000	3-08
Beach, Edward L.	Run Silent, Run Deep		
Beckett, Samuel	*Waiting for Godot	1310	
Bellow, Saul	Seize the Day		
Blackmore, Richard	Lorna Doone		
Blinn, William	+Brian's Song	NP	
Bolt, Robert	*A Man for All Seasons		
Bonham, Frank	+Durango Street	640	
	+The Nitty Gritty		
Borland, Hal	When the Legends Die	850	
Boulle, Pierre	The Bridge Over the River Kwai Planet of the Apes		
Bradbury, Ray	Dandelion Wine	880	
	◆ Fahrenheit 451	890	
	The Illustrated Man	880	
	The Martian Chronicles	740	
	Something Wicked This Way Comes	820	
Braithwaite, E.R.	To Sir With Love	1080	
Bronte, Charlotte	*Jane Eyre	890	
Bronte, Emily	*Wuthering Heights	1380	
<del>Buck, Pearl</del>	<del>*The Good Earth</del>	<del>1530</del>	Moved to middle school 8-18-08
Burdick, Eugene	Fail-Safe		
Burns, Olive Ann	Cold Sassy Tree	930	
Burrough, Edgar Rice	Collected Works		
Byrd, Richard E.	Alone		

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Camus, Albert	*The Stranger	880	
Card, Orson Scott	Ender's Game Ender's Shadow Shadow of the Giant Shadow of the Hegemon Shadow Puppets Speaker for the Dead	780	
Carroll, Lewis	*Alice's Adventures Through the Looking Glass	890	
Carver, George W.	+Up From Slavery	1320	
Cather, Willa	*Death Comes for the Archbishop *My Antonia	1150 1010	
Cervantes, Miguel	*Adventures of Don Quixote de la Mancha	1500	
Chaucer, Geoffrey	*Canterbury Tales	NP	
Chopin, Kate	*The Awakening	960	
Clark, Walter Van Tilburg	The Ox-Bow Incident	890	
Clarke, Arthur C.	*Childhood's End	990	
Cleary, Jon	The Sundowners		
Cleaver, Vera & Bill	+Where the Lilies Bloom	920	
Clements, Andrew	Things Not Seen	690	12-08
Cisneros, Sandra	House On Mango Street		
Collins, Wilkie	The Moonstone The Woman in White	1040	
Conrad, Joseph	*Heart of Darkness *Lord Jim *The Secret Sharer	1050 1110 1350	
Conroy, Pat	Beach Music The Great Santini The Lords of Discipline The Water Is Wide	970	
Cooper, James F.	The Last of the Mohicans *The Deerslayer *The Pathfinder *The Prairie	1350 1380	
Cormier, Robert	*I Am the Cheese *The Chocolate War	810 820	
Courtney, Bruce	The Power of One	1080	
Crane, Stephen	The Red Badge of Courage	900	
Craven, Margaret	I Heard the Owl Call My Name	1080	
Crichton, Michael	*The Andromeda Strain	840	
Cronin, A.J.	The Citadel Keys of the Kingdom		

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Crutcher, Chris	Ironman Staying Fat for Sara Byrnes Running Loose	870	12-07
Cunningham, Michael	The Hours	960	
Davis, et. al.	Pact, The		12-08
Defoe, Daniel	*Robinson Crusoe	1320	
de Saint Exupery, Antoine	The Little Prince	710	
Dexter, Pete	The Paper Boy		
Dickens, Charles	A Christmas Carol *David Copperfield *Great Expectations *Nicholas Nickleby *Oliver Twist *Pickwick Papers *A Tale of Two Cities	920 1070 1230 1310 1060 1160 1130	
Dillard, Annie	Pilgrim at Tinker Creek	1100	
Dinesen, Isak	Out of Africa		
Dostoevsky, Fyodor	*The Brothers Karamazov *Crime and Punishment	1150 990	
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	Adventures of Sherlock Holmes The Hound of the Baskervilles	1080 1090	
Draper, Sharon	Hazelwood Trilogy: Darkness Before Dawn Forged by Fire Tears of the Tiger	670-780	12-07
Dreiser, Theodore	*An American Tragedy *Sister Carrie	1240 980	
Dumas, Alexandre	*Count of Monte Cristo *The Man in the Iron Mask *Three Musketeers	930 950 960	
DuMaurier, Daphne	My Cousin Rachel Rebecca	880	
Eliot, George	*Silas Marner The Mill on the Floss	1330 1220	
Ellison, Ralph	*Invisible Man	950	
Fast, Howard	*April Morning	1050	
Faulkner, William	*Intruder in the Dust *The Sound and the Fury A Light in August	870	
Fielding, Henry	The Adventures of Tom Jones		
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	The Great Gatsby	1070	
Flaubert, Gustave	*Madame Bovary	1030	
Forester, C.S.	The African Queen		

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Forster, E. M.	*A Passage to India A Room With A View *Howard’s End	950	
Frank, Anne	*The Diary of a Young Girl	1080	
Frank, Pat	Alas, Babylon	870	
Franklin, Benjamin	*The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin	1370	
Freedman, B. & N.	Mrs. Mike	710	
Gage, Nicholas	Eleni		
Gaines, Ernest	The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman A Gathering of Old Men	710 650	
Galsworthy, John	Forsythe Saga	990	
Gibson, William	The Miracle Worker	NP	
Golding, William	*Lord of the Flies	770	
Goldsmith, Oliver	She Stoops to Conquer		
Graves, Robert	I Claudius		
Greenburg, Joanne/ Green, Hannah	*I Never Promised You a Rose Garden	960	
Greene, Bette	Summer of My German Soldier Morning is a Long Time Coming	800 1010	
Greene, Graham	*The Power and the Glory The Heart of the Matter Travels with My Aunt	710 880	
Grisham, John	Painted House, A	780	12-08
Guest, Judith	*Ordinary People	600	
Gunther, John	Death Be Not Proud	1060	
Hamilton, Edith	Mythology	1040	
Hansberry, Lorraine	*A Raisin in the Sun	NP	
Hardy, Thomas	*Far From the Madding Crowd *Mayor of Casterbridge *Return of the Native *Tess of the D'Urbervilles	1110 1090 1040 1160	
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	*The House of Seven Gables *The Scarlet Letter	1320 1420	
Hellman, Lillian	The Little Foxes		
Hemingway, Ernest	*A Farewell to Arms *For Whom the Bell Tolls *The Old Man and the Sea *The Sun Also Rises	730 840 940 810	
Hentoff, Nat	The Day They Came to Arrest the Book	890	
Herbert, Frank	Dune (series)	800	
Hersey, John	Bell for Adano Hiroshimo	750 1190	
Hesse, Hermann	*Demian *Steppenwolf *Siddhartha	1010	

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Hilton, James	Good-Bye, Mr. Chips	930	
	Lost Horizon	1060	
Hinton, S.E.	The Outsiders	750	
	Rumblefish	680	
	That Was Then, This Is Now	780	
Homer	*The Iliad	1330	
	*The Odyssey	1130	
Hope, Anthony	*The Prisoner of Zenda		
Hosseni, Khaled	The Kite Runner	840	
Hughes, Langston	Not Without Laughter		
Hugo, Victor	*The Hunchback of Notre Dame	1340	
	*Les Miserables	990	
Hurston, Zora Neal	*Their Eyes Were Watching God	1080	
Huxley, Aldous	*Brave New World	870	
Ibsen, Henrik	*A Doll's House	NP	
	*An Enemy of the People		
	*Ghosts		
	*Master Builder		
	*Hedda Gabler		
Jackson, Helen H.	*Ramona	870	
Jackson, Shirley	We Have Always Lived in the Castle	980	
James, Henry	*The Turn of the Screw	1140	
	*Daisy Miller	850	
Joyce, James	*A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man	1120	
Kafka, Franz	*The Castle	1280	
	*The Metamorphosis	1320	
	*The Trial	1150	
Keller, Helen	The Story of My Life	1150	
Kesey, Ken	*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest		
Keyes, Daniel	+Flowers for Algernon	910	
King, Stephen	The Stand		
Kingsley, Charles	Westward Ho!		
Kipling, Rudyard	Captains Courageous	1020	
Knowles, John	A Separate Peace	1110	
LaFarge, Oliver	Laughing Boy	810	
L'Amour, Louis	Complete Works		
Lederer & Burdick	The Ugly American	960	
Lee, Harper	◆To Kill a Mockingbird	870	
LeGuin, Ursula	The Beginning Place		
Lewis, C. S.	The Chronicles of Narnia	890	
Lewis, Sinclair	*Babbitt	1110	
	*Main Street	1010	
Llewellyn, Richard	How Green Was My Valley	1090	
London, Jack	*The Call of the Wild	1120	
	*Sea Wolf	1020	

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Lord, Walter	A Night to Remember	950	
Lubar, David	Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie	560	10/4/09
Lund, Doris	Eric	810	
MacLean, Alistair	The Guns of Navarone Ice Station Zebra		
MacLeish, Archibald	*J.B.	NP	
Malamud, Bernard	The Fixer *The Natural The Assistant	960 1060 880	
Malcolm X and Alex Haley	Autobiography of Malcolm X, The	1120	10/4/09
Marlowe, Christopher	*Dr. Faustus		
Maugham, Somerset	*Of Human Bondage *The Moon and Sixpence	910	
McCarthy, Susan Carol	Lay That Trumpet in Our Hands	Not determined	10/9/09
McCullers, Carson	*The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter Member of the Wedding	760 900	
Melville, Herman	*Billy Budd *Moby Dick Bartleby the Scrivener	1450 1230	
Michener, James	Complete Works		
Mikaelson, Ben	Touching Spirit Bear	670	11-08
Miller, Arthur	*All My Sons The Crucible *Death of a Salesman	NP NP	
Mitchell, Margaret	*Gone With the Wind	1100	
Moliere	*The Imaginary Invalid *The Misanthrope		
Montgomery, L	Anne of Green Gables	830	12-08
Moody, Ann	Coming of Age in Mississippi	870	
Morrison, Toni	Beloved Sula The Tar Baby The Bluest Eye	870 1050	
Mowat, Farley	Never Cry Wolf A Whale for the Killing	1330 1230	
Myers, Walter Dean	The Beast Monster Slam		
Naisbitt, John	Megatrends		
Neufeld, John	Lisa, Bright and Dark	760	
Nordhoff & Hall	*Mutiny on the Bounty	1080	
Norris, Frank	McTeague The Octopus	1010	

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Norris, Frank – cont.	The Pit		
Norton, Andre	Star Gate		
Oates, Joyce Carol	Big Mouth and Ugly Girl		
O'Neill, Eugene	*Emperor Jones *A Long Day's Journey Into Night	NP NP	
Orczy, Emmuska	*Scarlet Pimpernel	1140	
Orwell, George	*Animal Farm *1984	1170 1090	
Pasternak, Boris	*Doctor Zhivago	1010	
Paton, Alan	*Cry, the Beloved County	860	
Peck, Richard	+Close Enough to Touch	690	
Peck, Robert Newton	+A Day No Pigs Would Die	690	
Pelzer, Dave	Boy Called It, A	850	1-09
Plaidy, Jean	The Italian Woman Mary, Queen of Scots		
Plath, Sylvia	Poems	NP	
Platt, Kin	The Boy Who Could Make Himself Disappear	810	
Poe, Edgar Allan	*Complete Tales and Poems	1200	
Porter, Katherine	Pale Horse, Pale Rider *Ship of Fools		
Potok, Chaim	The Chosen Davita's Harp *My Name is Asher Lev	970	
Powers, John	Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?		
Pullman, Philip	Golden Compass	930	12-07
Rand, Ayn	*Anthem *Atlas Shrugged *The Fountainhead	880 1070 780	
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan	*Cross Creek The Yearling	1120 750	
Remarque, Erich Maria	All Quiet on the Western Front	830	
Richter, Conrad	Sea of Grass The Light in the Forest	830	
Roberts, Kenneth	Northwest Passage	1010	
Ross, Walter	The Last Hero: Charles A. Lindberg		
Rostand, Edmund	Cyrano de Bergerac	NP	
Rowling, J.K.	*Harry Potter Series	880	
Sabatini, Rafael	*Captain Blood *Scaramouche		
Sampson, et. al.	We Beat the Streets		9-08
Sandburg, Carl	*Abraham Lincoln	1170	
Sands, Bill	My Shadow Ran Fast		
Saroyan, William	*The Human Comedy	760	

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Sayers, Gale	+I Am Third	870	
Scott, Walter Sir	Ivanhoe	1410	
Shakespeare, William	*All Works		
Shaw, George Bernard	*Pygmalion Arms and the Man	NP	
Shelley, Mary	*Frankenstein	810	
Sheridan, Richard	*The Rivals		
Sinclair, Upton	*The Jungle	1170	
Singer, Isaac	In My Father's Court		
Smith, Betty	Joy in the Morning A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	670 810	
Smith, Patrick	Angel City A Land Remembered Allapathah		
Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr	*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich	900	
Sophocles	*Antigone *Oedipus the King	1090 1070	
Stein, Joseph	Fiddler on the Roof	NP	
Steinbeck, John	*The Grapes of Wrath *Of Mice and Men The Pearl *The Winter of Our Discontent	680 630 1010 770	
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Black Arrow Kidnapped +Treasure Island	980 990 1100	
Stoker, Bram	Dracula	960	10/4/09
Stone, Irving	Just for Life		
Stowe, Harriet Beecher	*Uncle Tom's Cabin	1050	
Stuart, Jesse	Hie to the Hunters The Thread That Runs So True	880	
Swarthout, Glendon	Bless the Beasts and Children	970	
Swift, Jonathan	*Gulliver's Travels	1330	
Tan, Amy	Bonesetter's Daughter Hundred Secret Senses Joy Luck Club Kitchen God's Wife		
Thackeray, William	*Vanity Fair	1270	
Thane, Ellswoth	Dawn's Early Light Ever After Yankee Stranger		
Thoreau, Henry David	*Walden Life Without Principle	1420 1190	
Tolkein, J.R.R.	The Hobbit The Lord of the Rings (trilogy)	1000 1000	

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Tolstoy, Leo	*Anna Karenina *War and Peace	1080 1240	
Turgenev, Ivan	Fathers and Sons		
Twain, Mark	*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn The Adventures of Tom Sawyer *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court *Life on the Mississippi	990 950 1080 1090	
Uris, Leon	Exodus Mila 18	920 850	
Verne, Jules	Around the World in Eighty Days Twenty Thousand-Leagues Under the Sea	1080 1030	
Vidal, Gore	Burr Lincoln 1776 A Visit to a Small Planet		
Voltaire	*Candide	1110	
Vonnegut, Jr., Kurt	Welcome to the Monkey House Slaughterhouse Five	810 850	10/4/09
Walker, Alice	*The Color Purple	670	
Walker, Margaret	Jubilee	1090	
Wallace, Lew	*Ben Hur	990	
Warren, Robert Penn	*All the King's Men	1130	
Weisel, Elie	Night	590	12-07 moved from MS list
Wells, H. G.	The Invisible Man The Time Machine The War of the Worlds	980 1070 1170	
West, Jessamyn	The Friendly Persuasion The Massacre at Fall Creek	970 790	
Wharton, Edith	*Ethan Frome *Age of Innocence	1200 1170	
White, T. H.	*The Book of Merlyn *The Once and Future King	1080	
Wilde, Oscar	*The Importance of Being Earnest *The Picture of Dorian Gray	NP 920	
Wilder, Thornton	The Bridge of San Luis Rey Our Town	1080 NP	
Williams, Tennessee	The Glass Menagerie *A Streetcar Named Desire *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof	NP NP	
Wojciechowska, Maja	*Tuned Out		
Wolfe, Thomas	*Look Homeward, Angel		
Woolfe, Virginia	*Mrs. Dalloway		
Wouk, Herman	The Caine Mutiny	910	

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Wright, Richard	*Black Boy	950	
	*Native Son	700	
	*A Begonia Applebaum		
Yolen, Jane	Briar Rose	820	11-08
Zindel, Paul	Confessions of a Teenage Baboon	980	
	The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds	NP	
	+I Never Loved Your Mind	630	
	+My Darling, My Hamburger	960	
	+Pardon Me, You're Stepping on my Eyeball	950	
	+The Pigman	1010	
	+The Pigman's Legacy	1050	
	+The Undertaker's Gone Bananas		

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