

Nathan Hale High School



Raider Independent Reading

Nathan Hale High School is dedicated to the principle that independent reading is an essential habit for a lifelong learner. To support this principle, the academic schedule includes four reading periods each week. This opportunity to read silently, built into the school day, provides ample time for students to meet their outside reading requirement and develop their habit of independent reading.

Required Pages Per Semester

9th Grade: 300 pages (regular credit)
500 pages (honors credit)

11th Grade: 700 pages

10th Grade: 400 pages (regular credit)
600 pages (honors credit)

12th Grade: 700 pages

- The book talk is oral. The student's job is to knowledgably and thoughtfully answer questions and to convince the teacher that s/he read and thought about the book.
- Any staff member on campus may do a book talk. Book talks should take ten minutes or more.
- Book talk forms must be completed and signed by the staff member conducting the talk.
- It is the student's responsibility to submit the form to their LA teacher before the final deadline.
- The deadline for completing all book talks will be determined by the individual LA teacher.
- Students should expect to be asked to share a passage; therefore students must have the book with them when they do the book talk. Electronic books are included in this requirement.
- Books read on electronic devices, Kindle, iPad or smart phone, will have pages counted as per Amazon web site.
- The independent reading requirement counts for 10 percent of a student's Language Arts grade with partial credit for fewer pages read than the required amount.
- A book does not have to be completed for a student to receive credit for pages read. Students must read at least 25 pages.
- Graphic novels may be read, but will only count for half the number of pages.

- Summer reading books do not count towards the requirement. Books from the summer reading list will meet the requirement if they are in addition to the student's summer book and are read during the current school year.
- Books assigned in Language Arts classes will not count towards the independent reading requirement.