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Dear Parents of 2021-2022 CHS Students,

We welcome you and your students to a new year at Cloquet High School!

Attached you will find verification for the CHS Summer Reading. We ask that you discuss the information for this **optional assignment** with your student; if you have questions, please call. Students in an Honors English class have a more specific summer reading assignment that was handed out at the end of the year.

We understand that a healthy student needs the summer to relax and simply have fun. With that in mind, please stress to your student that he/she should choose reading material that will be truly enjoyable. There are no required titles for the General Summer Reading. Students read books of their choice, but they should be new titles. (While re-reading books can be valuable, this particular assignment calls for exploring new books and new reading experiences.) Ideas for books can be found in the public library, at any bookstore or online. One suggestion would be to visit TeenReads.com at <http://www.teenreads.com>. This site provides reviews of current and newly published young adult books. In every way, we want this summer reading program to be the first of many positive experiences at Cloquet High School.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,

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Enclosed: Reading Verification forms  
Extra forms can be picked up in the school office or online at <http://www.isd94.org>

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## **General Summer Reading Q & A**

(Honors Classes are assigned a different, required Summer Reading, please see your teacher)

Q: What is the General English Summer Reading Optional Assignment?

A: The summer reading optional assignment is the first part of the English curriculum which occurs over the summer. The Optional Assignment is designed to enhance reading skills, foster year-round reading habits, and complement classroom curriculum.

Q: How does it work?

A: The General Summer Reading Optional Assignment is the same for all non-Honors students. Students may choose their own books to read but they should be new titles. (While re-reading books can be valuable, this particular assignment calls for exploring new books and new reading experiences.) The Summer Reading grade will be based on the number of pages read. (While we certainly encourage daily reading of newspapers and magazines, the summer reading Optional Assignment involves books only.)

Q: How do the students earn their grade?

A: Students can either earn 15 points or be exempt from this assignment. All that needs to be accomplished is to read 300 pages or more over the summer and document it on the General Summer Reading Verification Form.

Q: How will this impact my student's grade?

A: This assignment is graded simply. It will either be 15/15 or X/15. "15/15" gives a boost at the beginning of the year and "X/15" has no impact on student grades at all.

Q: Are certain books required?

A: No. Students may choose their own books. Parents should help their readers follow interests and challenge abilities. For help finding titles to read, check with local libraries or their websites. Another source is TeenReads at <http://www.teenreads.com>.

Q: How are the books/pages documented?

A: Use the enclosed reading verification forms. Parent signatures on these forms will certify the reading has been completed. This program is based on the honor system. As with any activities at CHS, we expect the highest degree of integrity throughout the process.

Q: When are forms due?

A: The verification forms are due on the first day of classes in the fall.

Q: What if I don't have a form?

A: Forms will also be available in the main office at the high school or can be downloaded from the high school web page. If a form cannot be found, simply document your reading on notebook or computer paper. Include the title of the book, the author's name, how many pages in the book, and a brief response to the book.

Q: Where should students find the books?

A: Start at the local library. They carry a wide variety of books for students of all ages and abilities. They're also aware of this Optional Assignment and can help point your reader in the right direction. Remember—students should follow their interests and challenge their abilities.

**Happy Reading!**

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**General Summer Reading Verification Form**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please Print)*

Complete the information below in response to the reading you complete this summer. Parent signatures must verify the reading, and **students must return these forms on the first day of class in the fall.** Remember, grades will be determined by the number of pages read.

Summer Reading: 300 pages = 15 points

No Reading/fewer than 300 pages = exempted points

**Be sure to complete the page total and grade box on the back!**

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Title of book completed:

Author:

Year Published:

Write a brief paragraph which summarizes the book. Include in your summary whether you would recommend this book to a friend. Why or Why not?

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_, Total Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a brief paragraph which summarizes the book. Include in your summary whether you would recommend this book to a friend. Why or Why not?

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_, Total Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

**(over: Be sure to total your pages in the box on the back)**

Name of Student:

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Year Published:

Write a brief paragraph which summarizes the book. Include in your summary whether you would recommend this book to a friend. Why or Why not?

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Year Published:

Write a brief paragraph which summarizes the book. Include in your summary whether or not you would recommend this book to a friend. Why or Why not?

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_, Total Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total of Pages Read:** \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(total of all books)  
Your Summer Reading Points: \_\_\_\_\_ .

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