Cartersville City Schools Approved Novels
FY 24-25

The following district-approved novels may be read in their respective grade levels. Teachers should not design instruction with a text that is designated for an upcoming grade level. (All additional texts must be approved through the novel approval process—see your TSS for support!) Updated lists will be shared as needed.

Kindergarten-Second

All novels studied are part of the adopted Fountas and Pinnell instructional resource (sole source guided reading selections)

Third

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
Chocolate Fever
The Chocolate Touch
Dragons in a Bag
Flora and Ulysses
The Lemonade War
Love That Dog
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
Mr. Popper's Penguins
The One & Only Ivan
Pages & Co. Series
Sarah Plain and Tall
Sign of the Beaver
Stone Fox
Third Grade Angels
Other novels studied are part of the adopted CKLA/Amplify instructional resource

4th CVA

Bud, Not Buddy
Pictures of Hollis Woods
Shiloh
The Tale of Desperaux
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Wringer

Fourth

Behind Rebel Lines
A Boy Called Bat
Bunnicula
By the Great Horned Spoon
Freedom Crossing
Frindle
George Washington's Socks
Homer P. Figg
James and the Giant Peach
Matilda
Phineas L. MacGuire Gets Slimed
The Secret Zoo (Book 1)
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Turn Homeward Hannalee What
Was the Boston Tea Party?
What Was the Declaration of Independence?
Who Was Lewis and Clark?
Who Was MLK?
Who Was Neil Armstrong?
Wonder
A Wrinkle in Time

Sixth

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
The Cay
The Endless Steppe
Esperanza Rising
Front Desk
Gossamer
Letters From Rifka
Milkweed
Peak
Restart
Storm Runner

Fifth

The Boy On The Wooden Box
Bud, Not Buddy
Code Talkers
The Crossover
Dear Mr. Henshaw
Enormous Egg
Hound Dog True
How to Steal a Dog
Island of the Blue Dolphin
Losers
Maniac McGee
My Side of the Mountain
A Night Divided
Nine, Ten
Number the Stars
Phantom Tollbooth
Prisoner B-3087
Restart
Shiloh
Steal Away Home
Summer of the Swans
Taste of Blackberries
There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom
Tuck Everlasting
The Watsons Go to Birmingham
The Witches (graphic novel)
Wringer

5th CVA

Because of Winn Dixie
Maniac Magee
Number the Stars

Seventh
10 Days: Martin Luther King Jr.
Aru Shah and the End of Time
The Breadwinner
Bronx Masquerade
By Any Means Necessary
Chanda's Secret
Divergent
Elephant Run
The Giver
Hidden Figures
Holes
Hoot or Scat (2 different titles)
Hunger Games
Journey to Jo'burg
The Lightning Thief
A Long Walk to Water
Rosa Parks: My Story
Serafina and the Black Cloak
The White Giraffe
Watership Down

Tenth
Animal Farm
Beowulf
Born a Crime
Complete Persepolis (GN Version)
Grimms Complete Fairy Tales
Inferno
House on Mango Street
Julius Caesar
Lord of the Flies
Monster
The Tempest
Things They Carried

Eighth
Atlanta Compromise
Barrio Boy
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
The City of Ember
Cold Sassy Tree
A Day of Tears
The Hound of the Baskervilles
I, Dred Scott
Inside Out and Back Again
My Brother Sam is Dead
October Sky
The Outsiders
Refugee by Alan Gratz
The Secret Life of Bees
Storm Before Atlanta
We Beat the Streets by S. Davis
"I Have a Dream" - MLK Speech
"March on Washington" Martin Luther King, Jr.
"Pickens County Burial" Henry Grady
"The Souls of Black Folks" excerpt Freedom Walkers

Eleventh
As I Lay Dying
Color Purple
Crucible
Fences
Great Gatsby
Heart of Darkness
Old Man & the Sea
Poinsonwood Bible
Raisin in the Sun
Road
The Scarlett Letter
Streetcar Named Desire
Their Eyes Were Watching God

Ninth
Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian
Andromeda Strain
Darius the Great Is Not Okay
Emma
Farenheit 451
The Final Problem
Furia
Greek Gods and Heroes
Hey, Kiddo
Last Lecture
Long Way Down
Mansfield Park
Novio Boy
Odyssey
Piecing Me Together
Plague of Doves
Pride and Prejudice
Romeo & Juliet
Shout
Speak
Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde
Tale of Two Cities
Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes
To Kill a Mockingbird

Twelfth
All American Boys
Glass Castle
I am Malala
The Importance of Being Earnest
Into the Wild
Just Mercy
The Kiterunner
Thank You for Arguing - 4th edition

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