

Summer Reading and Math Requirements for 8th Grade:

Listed below by grade level are the summer reading and math requirements.

Grades 5-8 Summer Work Requirements - Frequently Asked Questions

Q Why do students in grades 5-8 have required summer math and language arts work?

A Summer work provides an enrichment experience that promotes retention of material

Q Do teachers count summer work as a grade when school starts?

A Yes. All grade 5-8 math and LA teachers will count summer work as a grade. Completing summer work is critical as students who do not complete the work will be starting off the school year with a failing grade.

Q What about Summer School? Do I have to take Summer School?

A You do not have to enroll in summer school to complete the requirements. If you enroll in St. Francis Summer School, St. Francis teachers will ensure that all summer work is completed and counts towards the requirement.

Q Does taking Brophy Summer School fulfill the requirement towards summer work?

A Only Brophy math summer school classes are guaranteed to count towards the requirement as math is taught by SFX teachers (Mrs. Amrhein and Mrs. Walker).

Language Arts classes at Brophy are not guaranteed to meet the requirement. If the SFX summer requirement is completed as assigned during the BCP class, then it will count. If not, taking the class is not a substitute for doing the work assigned and it will not count.

Junior High Math - Incoming 6-8 Students:

Choose 1 of the following options:

- Complete 50 topics of ALEKS (online math program)
 - Each knowledge check you take counts as 5 topics.
 - This can be completed at home or at SFX summer school
 - Do all of your ALEKS calculations in a notebook and turn in the first day of school.
- Attend a week long math/STEM camp (counts as 25 ALEKS topics) AND complete 25 ALEKS topics. Please discuss this with Mrs. Walker (incoming 6th/8th) or Mrs. Amrhein (incoming 7th/8th) if you have any questions.
- Attend Brophy Summer Math Class and complete the 4 week curriculum.

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading

Read: *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by: Sean Covey

Assignment:

1. Keep a journal as you read this book and record important topics and takeaways. Most especially, write about how you will apply the habits to your life.
2. At the conclusion of each habit, discuss what you learned with your parents. Record one parent quote for each of the 7 Habits.

*The journal can be electronic or physical. It is due on the first day of school and will be worth 50 points.

*See the Attached Rubric

Journal Entry Grading Rubric

7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey

Category	A	B	C	D/F
Completion	Student completed a journal entry for every chapter.	Student completed an entry for most chapters.	Student completed an entry for half of the chapters.	Major sections left incomplete.
Comprehension	Student wrote in a way that showed they understood the book	Student understood most of the book	Student showed average understanding.	Student did not read or understand the book
Grammar Skills	Student displayed solid knowledge of grammar.	Student displayed knowledge of most grammar skills.	Student struggled with some grammar skills.	Student struggled with most grammar skills.
Presentation	Journal was neat and clean showing 8GQ (8th Grade Quality) work	Journal was mostly clean and neat.	Average looking journal	Student failed to turn in a journal that reflected 8GQ work
Writing Skills	Student wrote thoughtful and creative sentences	Student mostly wrote thoughtful and creative sentences.	Student struggled to show skills of writing.	Sentence structure and word choice was not 8GQ work
Parent Quotes	7 Parent Quotes included (one for each habit)	5-6 Parent Quotes included	3-4 parent quotes included	2 or fewer parent quotes included.
Creativity (Extra Credit)	Exemplary Artistry (5 Points)	Above Average Creativity (4 Points)	Average Creativity (3 points)	Attempted Creativity (1 Point)