

Lewiston-Porter Central School District

One Purpose, Your Pathway, Our Promise.

NA-3 Approval of HS Textbooks

Memorandum

Date: September 25, 2023

To: Paul Casseri

From: Heather Lyon, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology

Subject: Approval of new textbooks

This memo serves as a request for the approval of the following textbooks.

High School English:

Title	Author	Course	Brief Summary
The Fault in Our Stars	John Green	10-12 Romance Lit	Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. <i>The Fault in Our Stars</i> is insightful, bold, irreverent, and raw. It brilliantly explores the funny, thrilling, and tragic business of being alive and in love.
11 Paper Hearts	Kelsey Hartwell	10-12 Romance Lit	Ella's life was picture perfect. She had a circle of close friends, a jam-packed social life, and an amazing boyfriend. But then something completely unexpected happened: a car accident after a Valentine's Day dance. When Ella woke up in the hospital, she couldn't remember the accident or anything about the weeks before it, including the reason she broke up with her boyfriend. Now, a year later, she begins receiving paper hearts from a mysterious admirer who seems to have the answers she craves. Ella is intrigued. The hearts contain clues to help Ella remember her life before and take her on a journey she never imagined. Following the paper hearts is the most spontaneous thing Ella has ever done but will she find love?
Eleanor and Park	Rainbow Rowell	10-12 Romance Lit	Eleanor and Park are two sixteen-year-olds forced to sit together on a school bus in 1980s Omaha, Nebraska. The two could not be more different. Eleanor, the new girl in town, is heavier than average and struggles with a bad home life. Park, a gloomy half-Korean comic book-lover, is just figuring his life and himself out. As they dive head on into a unplanned, unfathomable first love, their lives begin to crack and crumble. Soon, it is not their job to keep themselves together, but each other too.
Lovely War	Julie Berry	10-12 Romance Lit	They are Hazel, James, Aubrey, and Colette. A classical pianist from London, a British would-be architect-turned-soldier, a Harlem-born ragtime genius in the U.S. Army, and a Belgian orphan with a gorgeous voice and a devastating past. Their story, as told by goddess Aphrodite, who must spin the tale or face judgment on Mount Olympus, is filled with hope and heartbreak, prejudice and passion, and reveals that, though War is a formidable force, it's no match for the transcendent power of Love.