



Austin-East Magnet High School

"All Austin-East students will graduate career-ready and college-prepared"



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Dear Roadrunner Family,

Once again, this year, Austin-East Magnet High School will continue its literary initiative Roadrunner Read by requiring all students in grades 9-12 to read one specific book during the summer. This initiative was created in order for our students to strengthen literacy skills, promote positive reading habits, explore perspectives and promote critical thinking during the summer break.

Educators around the world agree that summer learning loss, or the "summer slide" as some may call it, is a major challenge when starting off any new school year. However, research shows that students who read over the summer return to school with little or no learning loss.

We are excited about this summer's book choice and hope that you will be also. This year, we will have one book for the entire school, but the assessments, which will count for one major test grade (100%) in the student's English class, will vary per grade level. The book is by Trevor Noah, and the title is *It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood (Adapted for Young Readers)*.

If you (parent/guardian) should find the novel objectionable in any way and do not approve of your student reading this book, please make your request in writing an alternative material(s) will be provided. The alternative book is *Copper Sun* by Sharon M. Draper. In addition, the request should be turned into the main office by May 20th at 8:30 am.

Please be advised that the books are free to all AE students, and will be given out in school before the culmination of the school year on May 20, 2019. We hope that you will support us in this endeavor, as we encourage our students to read during the summer months. We firmly believe that this will be a positive experience for our students and that we will see positive, long-term results. Also, if you would like to join your student in reading the book this summer, please contact Ms. Foster, during school hours, at (865) 594-3792.

Sincerely,

The Austin-East Administration, Teachers, and Staff

Let's Get **LIT**eracy!!!!!!

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