

# Millennium Charter Academy



## **8th Grade Supply List, 2024-2025**

At Millennium Charter Academy, we believe in the transformative power of a classical education, rooted in timeless conversations with great books. These texts, revered for generations, offer a window into the profound thoughts and ideas that have shaped human history. We want to invite your child into the Great Conversation by suggesting they purchase personal copies of the texts we read in our classes.

We understand that reading a challenging text for class can seem daunting. That's why we encourage students to approach these texts with a pencil in hand and notecards nearby. By actively engaging with the text—underlining passages, jotting down thoughts, and making notes in the margins—students become not just readers, but active participants in a dialogue with the author. In this unique space between reader and writer, they cultivate critical thinking skills and deepen their understanding of complex themes and characters.

Owning their own copy of the text empowers students to fully immerse themselves in the reading experience. It allows them to internalize these texts, marking passages that resonate with them and revisiting key insights at their own pace. Moreover, owning these texts fosters a sense of ownership and pride in their academic pursuits.

By investing in personal copies of these texts, your child will not only enhance their reading and writing skills but also cultivate a lifelong love of learning. These books will become cherished companions. These timeless authors will guide them through the complexities of the human experience. These age-old insights will assist them in thinking deeply about the world around them.

And when your children set out on their own, they will have strong roots that they can pick up and take with them. When they leave home, they will have accumulated personal libraries of some of the greatest thoughts that have ever been recorded on the page.

### **Eighth Grade Texts**

- Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Elijah of Buxton*. Scholastic Press, 2007.
- Klein, Gerda Weissmann. *All but my life*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1995.
- Malory, Thomas. *Le Morte D'Arthur: King Arthur and the Legends of the Round Table*. Edited by Keith Baines, et al., Penguin Publishing Group, 2010.
- Shakespeare, William. *Twelfth Night*. Edited by Barbara A. Mowat, et al., Simon & Schuster, 2004.
- Sutcliff, Rosemary. *The Wanderings of Odysseus: The Story of The Odyssey*. Random House Children's Books, 2005.

### **General Supply List**

- Pencils
- Black or Blue Pens
- Colored Pencils ( A small pencil sharpener is recommended)
- Glue stick
- Safety scissors
- Highlighters
- College-ruled notebook paper
- 2 boxes of tissues (delivered to the Upper School Office)
- Clorox Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer

### **English 8**

- 2 100-page lined composition notebooks with solid binding.
- Three-ring binder 1 ½" size and college-ruled notebook paper.
- 8 Pack Plastic **Pocket** divider tabs
- A dictionary (I recommend *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*)

### **Mathematics 8**

- 3-subject college-ruled notebook
- A sturdy pocket folder or a separate math section in your 3-ring binder for handouts, activity sheets, graphic organizers and guided notes
- Pencils

### **Algebra I**

- 3 ring binder
- Graph paper
- Pencils
- TI-83 or TI-84 calculator (required)

## **History**

- Four 100-page lined composition notebooks with the solid binding
- As needed, there will be several creative projects during the course of the year, be prepared to use markers and/or colored pencils, glue, cardboard, and possibly paint.

## **Science**

- 1 Three-ring binder 1 ½" size (2 packs of college ruled loose leaf paper is recommended)
- 50 page protectors
- 10 subject dividers for the binder
- 2 (100ct) packs of 3x5 lined index cards with either an index card box or binder rings to keep them together
- As needed, there will be several creative projects during the course of the year, be prepared to use markers and/or colored pencils, glue, cardboard, and possibly paint.