



SECONDARY DIVISION

Instilling the values of courage, kindness, integrity, humility, and a commitment to building community.

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Secondary Division Summer Learning 2022 and Book Orders for August 2022

Summer Learning is Important!

TASIS Dorado is committed to the premise that learning is a lifelong process; the school encourages all learners to be active and curious throughout the school year and beyond. We also recognize that changes in summer schedules, including travel, vacations, camps, academic programs, family time, and – for older students – work and volunteer activities, mean that structuring time for learning can be challenging. We support our students' and families' needs and encourage them to take a break, recharge, and enjoy new activities during the summer months. However, research has shown that without exposure to reading, writing, and math during the extended summer break, students suffer from "[summer amnesia](#)" when they return to school in August. For that reason, we strongly encourage all our families to support their students' learning through our **summer vacation learning guidelines** while still enjoying the summer. We want all students to return to school energized, confident, and motivated as they begin the new year!

This Year: Online Ordering System and Delivery!

Again this year the school is working with an online ordering system through [Librería Contemporánea TASIS Dorado Book Lists](#). It is a simple and easy way for parents and students to access and receive their books directly to their homes. This company is a local supplier that works with many schools to provide fast, efficient, and cost-effective ordering of supplementary readings, and workbooks. **Summer reading and the assigned readings are organized by grade. You can have everything delivered directly to your home or pick them up in person at one of their bookstores located in Bayamon or Guaynabo.** We are confident that this system will provide excellent service to our community. We highly recommend ordering all needed books/workbooks for summer and August now, to ensure your student(s) have everything they need to confidently begin the new school year.

Ordering is easy, but first, check grade-level lists to see what is needed. To identify what books and licenses your student(s) need, first visit our website and look at the individual grade-level book lists. Please note that all platform licenses will be provided through TASIS Dorado, NOT ordered through the bookstore. Those platform licenses that are required for certain courses will be activated for students in August and billed to student accounts directly by the school. If you are not clear about what courses are scheduled yet for your students, order what you know is confirmed, and when the final schedule is received, you can order whatever additional books are required. Parents can verify the status of courses in their Veracross Account (only parents have access to this information). You can also email the Division Director for more information. [TASIS Dorado Book Lists 2022-2023](#)

Important Note: *Librería Contemporánea's online bookstore is available, but you may also order by phone if you prefer. The book lists by grade for summer and during the year are available on our website under the tab "Quicklinks" and the bookstore will also have them. Here is the contact information for ordering by phone:*

Bayamón: (787) 288-3448 / (787) 780-8385; bayamon@libreriapr.com

Guaynabo: (787) 782-7331; guaynabo@libreriapr.com

Orders can be shipped or picked up at the store.

Pre-Order School Agendas

Since more and more students are relying on electronic agendas and Veracross, for the academic year 2022-2023, we will order agendas only for those students who pre-order, believing it is useful as an organizational tool. There is no cost for the agenda, but you will only receive one if you specifically request it. The last day to order is Friday, May 27th. ([Pre-Order Form](#)) Students need to access the form to order with their TESIS Dorado email address.

Technology

All students in grades 6-12 must have a personal laptop to bring to school as a learning tool every day. Most of our school programs are web-based (ex: Google Classroom, Veracross, Membean, etc.). **It is recommended that rising 6th-grade students purchase a Chromebook**, which is the type of device they used in 5th grade. They come in various brands, sizes, and prices, but they have the same operating system. These devices are affordable, have a long battery life, connect to all of our online tools, boot/update in seconds, and do not get viruses or malware. This is a valuable feature as the TESIS IT Department is not able to service students' personal devices. Additionally, due to our rising 6th-grade students' experience with this type of device, there will be one less major adjustment as they move into middle school. Our teachers are also using Chromebooks, which supports seamless integration. If you have any specific questions, contact Dr. James McCartney (mccartney.j@tasisdorado.com). All student devices must have Wi-Fi capability, and a minimum of 8GB of RAM is strongly recommended. While files are stored in students' cloud-based Drive, 64 MB of disk memory is also recommended. A touchscreen is often a useful feature as well.

Secondary Division – Guidelines for Summer Learning

Summer is a wonderful time to explore new interests in learning and appreciate new experiences. Use this opportunity to select readings for relaxation, humor, learning, and as a challenge to understand new ideas and perspectives. Students should strive to read daily and practice math for 90 minutes per week, though no page or time records will be required.

Sixth – Eighth Grades

Reading: Required Reading in the Middle School grades includes one book for English and one for Spanish. Students may read them at their convenience with the understanding that the school year will start with work on those titles one week after classes begin. While Membean practice is not required in the summer, students may wish to continue practicing their vocabulary skills using this website. Students are encouraged to read and discuss additional selections for their own enjoyment and may choose to read novels, online or print magazines, graphic novels, and audiobooks. A list of suggested titles will be available to them.

Math: Students are encouraged to do occasional math practice to refresh their skills while staying agile and not forgetting important strategies. Websites such as [Khan Academy](#) offer excellent practice opportunities and ongoing preparation for standardized tests.

Writing: Students are encouraged to continue to express themselves through writing in the summer as during the school year. Study guides for their summer reading may require written responses to the novel.

Study Guides

ELA Guides

- a. [6th Grade](#)
- b. [7th Grade](#)
- c. [8th Grade](#)

Spanish Guides

- a. [6th Grade](#)
- b. [7th Grade](#)
- c. [8th Grade](#)

SSL Guides

- a. [SSL 1 \(MS\)](#)
- b. [SSL 2 \(MS\)](#)
- c. [SSL 3 \(MS\)](#)
- d. [Intro to Spanish Literature \(MS\)](#)

Returning to School: Find time to enjoy learning and keeping your skills fresh at your own pace during the summer months. Upon returning in August, students should be prepared to work on their summer assignments in class one week after the beginning of school.

Ninth – Twelfth Grades

Reading: As in Middle School, English and Spanish classes will assign one reading that may have a study guide. Students may read them at their convenience but should be prepared to discuss the work one week after arriving at school. While Membean practice is not required during the summer, students may wish to use this or other websites such as [Khan Academy](#) to continue vocabulary development and reading comprehension. SSL students will receive a summer assignment according to their level. Students are encouraged to read and discuss additional selections chosen for their own enjoyment. A list of suggested titles will be available to them.

Math: Students are encouraged to do occasional math practice to refresh their skills while staying agile and not forgetting important strategies. Websites such as Khan Academy offer excellent practice opportunities and ongoing preparation for standardized tests.

Writing: Students are encouraged to write for enjoyment and to express themselves through writing during summer vacation. Study guides that accompany summer readings may require written responses to the novels.

Study Guides

ELA Guides

- a. [9th Grade - Readings & Guide Questions](#) (Regular & Enriched)
- b. [10th Grade - World Literature](#)
- c. [10th Grade Enriched](#)
- d. [11th Grade - American Literature](#)
- e. [12th Grade - British Literature](#)

Spanish Guides

- a. [9th Grade](#)
- b. [10th Grade Guide](#), [10th Grade Summer Reading Text](#)
- c. [11th Grade](#)
- d. [12th Grade](#)

SSL Guides

- a. [SSL 1 \(HS\)](#)
- b. [SSL 2 \(HS\)](#)
- c. [SSL 3 \(HS\)](#)
- d. [Intro to Spanish Literature \(HS\)](#)

AP Summer Work

AP Courses: Some but not all AP Courses require a summer assignment. Work in class on these assignments will begin immediately when the course commences in August.

- [AP Pre AP Studio ART SUMMER task 2022 -2023](#)
- [Nivel Avanzado - Proyecto](#), [Nivel Avanzado - Reading Guide](#)
- [AP Calculus AB/BC Article](#), [AP Calculus AB/BC Notation Guide](#)
- [AP Psychology](#)
- [AP Physics 1](#)
- [AP Music Theory Summer Task](#), [AP Music Theory Syllabus](#), [Music Theory Text CH1](#), [Music Theory Workbook CH1](#), [Music Theory CH2](#), [Music Theory Workbook CH2](#), [Music Theory SelfTest Answers CH1-2](#)
- [AP Chemistry](#)
- [AP Italian](#)
- [AP English Language & Composition](#)
- [AP English Literature & Composition](#)
- [AP Spanish Language & Culture](#)
- [AP World History](#)
- [AP United States History](#)
- [AP Biology](#)
- [AP Government](#)
- [AP European History](#)
- [AP Statistics](#)
- [AP Seminar \(Capstone Year 1\)](#)
- [AP Research \(Capstone Year 2\)](#)

Returning to School: Students should be prepared to work with their summer assignments one week after the beginning of classes in August for regular classes. AP class assignments will be discussed when the course begins.

After three years of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we can confidently say that we have been able to surpass various obstacles together. Nonetheless, these obstacles have brought forth new and different pressures to our everyday lives. More often than not, pressure is considered to be a negative force. However, psychologists agree that pressure can actually help children, as well as adolescents, reach their goals as well as push responsibility. The following newsletter summarizes different ways to guide teens in using pressure as a proper tool: [Summer - Parent Newsletter 2022](#).

As we prepare for the next academic year, our main focus at TASIS Dorado continues to be developing a “growth mindset.” A **growth mindset** unlocks our ability to learn and adapt, especially this year as we prepare to go back to the regular schedule structure and learning environment. We are looking forward to a terrific year in 2022-2023! Have a wonderfully safe, relaxing, and blessed summer!

Please contact us if you have any questions or need our support.

Best Regards,

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