

# Ranson Middle School, an International Baccalaureate World School

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## Center City 1 Learning Community

**“Nothing could be greater than to be a Ranson Raider!”**

Dear Ranson Raider Parents/ Guardians:

The Ranson IB Middle School ELA Department is writing this letter to inform you of the novel selection for the 1st Quarter. We have selected to read “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas. This book deals with our relevant cultural climate. It asks scholars to delve deep into what values and morals they hold dear. This book challenges our scholars to think about the plight of others in this country.

Here is an overview of the book:

**Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.**

**Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil’s name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.**

**But what Starr does—or does not—say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.**

While the book is very detailed, our time to read it is limited. **Our scholars will only read selected excerpts from the book.** We will engage with the book for approximately two weeks. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams are planning to see the movie version of “The Hate U Give” on Friday, October 26, 2018. More details about the trip will follow as the trip approaches.

Please know that due to the mature thematic elements, some violent content, and drug material and language, the book and movie have been rated PG-13. If you would prefer another book option for your scholar, please contact the scholar’s English Language Arts teacher. Teachers are listed below for your reference:

6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
Alicia Busby	Keisha Holloman	Michaela Barnes
Avienna Simpson	Katrina Keyes	Kiara Drummond
Miraha Smith	Lucy Lansing	Shannon Hardy
Kayla Wilmer	Latonya White	Alysia Lee
*Multi-Level Classroom Leader – Okema Owens	*Multi-Level Classroom Leader – Okema Owens	*Multi-Level Classroom Leader – Taylor Elkins

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free contact the school at 980-343-6800.

Educationally,  
The Ranson IB Middle School ELA Dept.