PRE-IB
ROBINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome to the PIB Program at Robinson Middle School! You have been accepted to a challenging and exciting program. Language Arts and Math are accelerated, and Science, Social Studies, and Spanish offer many enrichment opportunities. We know you will enjoy your time here making new friends, creating exciting memories, and learning more than you thought possible!

"I got the opportunity to meet other kids who I could relate to academically."

There are a few things that should be done this summer to get ready for the eventful new year. Enclosed is a list of requirements and forms for the community service component of our program, the summer assignments, and supply lists. Please have your student complete any summer assignments by the first day of school.

We encourage all students to spend at least 30 minutes on "school" each night to reinforce their learning and build strong study habits. This time could include completing homework, reading a book (school assigned or self-chosen), listing questions for teachers, double-checking supplies, reviewing or rewriting notes from the day's lessons, or even giving parents a run-down on what is happening in each class. Setting aside this focused time each evening helps students stay organized, deepen their understanding, and develop the consistency needed for long-term academic success.

Program Requirements

In addition to the opportunities mentioned above, students also have some responsibilities if they wish to remain a member of this program. Students are expected to maintain the following GPA and complete the required community service hours:

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
GPA Requirement	2.70	2.75	3.0
Community Service Hours	15	20	25

Attendance

As you prepare for the upcoming school year, please remember that consistent attendance is essential for success in the PIB Program. The challenging curriculum moves quickly, and being present each day helps ensure you stay on track. Please try to schedule trips during times when school is not in session.

Extra Curricular Activities

At Robinson, every student has the chance to get involved and shine through a wide range of extracurricular activities—from academic competitions like Math Counts, Science Olympiad, and Battle of the Books to creative outlets like Bel Canta Choir, Theatre, and Musicals. Whether it's joining STUCO to build leadership skills, competing in E-Sports or the Civics Bee, or celebrating culture through the Spanish Language Competition and Black History Bowl, there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy beyond the classroom.

"The PIB Program has made me a more balanced person."

Our After School Program is a FREE opportunity for students to stay active, creative, and connected beyond the school day. Offered Monday through Wednesday until 5:00 p.m., the program includes a variety of clubs such as Robotics, Student Council, E-Sports, Flag Football, Chess, Board Games, Blooket, and Art. All students receive a free snack, and those who ride the bus can take advantage of a late bus home. Students who choose not to join a club can participate in homework help and other fun alternative activities.

"I came in without a community, and I went out with a nation"

Additionally, 7th and 8th graders have exclusive opportunities to participate in Athletics—featuring Cross Country and Volleyball in the fall, Basketball in the winter, and Track & Field in the spring—as well as Jazz Band for those with a passion for music.

Incoming 6th Grade Summer Homework

We recommend that students read for at least 30 minutes a day to maintain reading skills and habits and practice basic math skills (operations with whole numbers, fractions, and decimals) to ensure they are prepared for the increased pace of our math class – for this we recommend a book called Spectrum Math (6th grade edition).

Summer Reading: Choose one book from the 2026–2027 William Allen White list. Choose a book that interests you and read it over the summer. As you read, think about important ideas, characters, or messages in the story. On the first day of school, be prepared to share the book's title, the author, and one significant quote that stood out to you. This quote should show something meaningful about the story, such as a theme or an important moment. Fill out the graphic organizer included and be ready to share the first week of school.

Summer Project: Create a poster that highlights information about you and your family. You will create a neat, creative 14" x 22" poster about you and your family. Include a photo of yourself, a family photo, your favorite hobbies, and favorite books. You may add more if you'd like. This will help introduce you to your classmates and Social Studies teacher. Be sure to cut a full poster board in half—full-sized boards won't be accepted. Questions? Email kbrown12@usd259.net.

Incoming 7th and 8th Grade Summer Homework

This summer, the PIB team wants you to explore the literature, culture, and history of our state. So many people don't realize it, our state has been at the center of things (literally) since before we were a territory. Your summer homework is to:

- Read one book (fiction or nonfiction) about Kansas and/or by a Kansas author;
- Visit at least one museum in Kansas **OR** one Kansas historic site. (8th graders must choose a different location than the one they visited the previous year.)

Between July 9 - August 2, you can use the Sunflower Summer app for free student admission and 1 free adult admission to many sites and museums around Kansas. More information at sunflowersummer.org. You can also visit the Kansas Tourism website (bit.ly/RMShomeworkideas2025) for suggestions of sites and museums.

Whenever you complete one of the requirements, fill out the form at bit.ly/RMSPIBSummerHomework. Your summer adventure is right outside your door!

Weekly PIB Newsletter

Each week, we send out a newsletter that includes community service opportunities, information about PIB and school events and class previews for the upcoming week. To ensure you receive the newsletter, please make sure your contact information, including email, is current on ParentVue.

A pdf of this entire document is available on our website (bit.ly/robinsonpib).

We look forward to having you in our program!

David Adams
6th, 7th & 8th Math
dadams@usd259.net

Kathleen Berry
6th Math & Science
kberry@usd259.net

Kristin Brown
6th ELA & Social Studies
kbrown12@usd259.net

Tara Flores
7th & 8th Spanish
tflores@usd259.net

Christina Hibarger
7th & 8th Science
chibarger@usd259.net

Cathy Johnson
6th & 7th ELA & Math
cjohnson14@usd259.net

Molly Lavacek
6th, 7th & 8th ELA
mlavacek@usd259.net

Elizabeth Polson
6th Spanish
epolson@usd259.net

Michele Rowley
7th & 8th Social Studies
mrowley@usd259.net

Kate Sims
7th & 8th ELA
ksims@usd259.net

Jennifer Sinsel
6th, 7th & 8th Math
jsinsel@usd259.net

Denise Van Horn
Team Leader
7th & 8th Math
dvanhorn@usd259.net

PIB School Supply List

Required Supplies For ALL GRADES:

- One **two-inch binder** – Binders should have the following inside:
  - Loose-leaf paper (NOT spirals; place inside binder)
  - 1 set of 8-tab dividers
  - 1 folder
- Pencil case with the following inside to be carried to all classes:
  - Earbuds
  - Pens (blue, black, and red)
  - Highlighters (4+ colors)
  - Pencils
  - Pencil-top eraser / large eraser
  - Dry erase markers (thin-sized)
  - Colored pencils
  - TI-30XS Multiview Scientific Calculator (*please put your name on it*)
- College Rule Composition Book 6th 1 (ELA); 7th: 2 (ELA, SS); 8th: 3 (ELA, SS, Sci)
- (Optional) standard sized locker shelf
- Language Arts teachers will ask for several novels to be purchased throughout the year.
- On occasion, teachers may have specific requests for classroom supplies.

If you need assistance in getting supplies, please let us know.

Special Grade Level Supplies

6th Grade Only

- Give the following supplies to Ms. Berry
  - 2 rolls of Scotch tape
  - 4 glue sticks
  - 1 package of notebook paper – College Rule

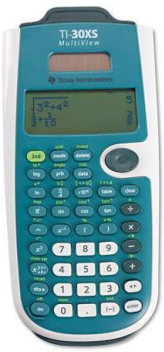
7th Grade Only

- 1 package of glue sticks – give to math teacher

8th Grade Only

- 8th Grade: Pocket Constitution
- 8th Grade: (Optional) TI-84 Plus CE Graphing Calculator *(Typically on sale end of July or August. Also, please put your name on it*).

Preferred Calculator (TI-30XS Multiview)



To help students prepare for state assessments, we ask that they all have the same calculator as is available on the state assessments: the TI-30XS Multiview! We can order these for each student at a cost of $20.00. Order forms will be sent home the first week of school, and they should be returned to their math teacher.



or



If you purchase a new Texas Instruments Calculator, please look for the TI Technology Rewards symbol. Please cut out the label and return to Ms. Van Horn in Room 217. These points will help our school earn FREE Texas Instrument materials to use in our classrooms!

Book List in case you want to participate in either reading challenge.

USD 259 Middle School Battle of The Books 2026 - 2027

- ❑ ***Adventures of Invisible Boy, The***
  by Doogie Horner
- ❑ ***Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year***
  by Nina Hamza
- ❑ ***Ellis Island: Immigration & the American Dream***
  by Felipe Galindo Feggo
- ❑ ***Enemies in the Orchard: A World War 2 Novel in Verse***
  by Dana VanderLugt
- ❑ ***Ghost***
  by Jason Reynolds
- ❑ ***Good Different***
  by Meg Eden Kuyatt
- ❑ ***Holes***
  by Louis Sachar
- ❑ ***Isle of Ever***
  by Jen Calonita
- ❑ ***Jawbreaker***
  by Christina Wyman
- ❑ ***Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone***
  by Tae Keller
- ❑ ***Lasagna Means I Love You***
  by Kate O'Shaughnessy
- ❑ ***Last Last-Day-Of-Summer, The***
  by Lamar Giles
- ❑ ***Map of Flames (The Forgotten Five, Vol. 1)***
  by Lisa McMann
- ❑ ***Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir***
  by Pedro Martin
- ❑ ***Mona Lisa Vanishes, The***
  by Nicholas Day
- ❑ ***No Purchase Necessary***
  by Maria Marianayagam
- ❑ ***One Big Open Sky***
  by Lisa Cline-Ransome
- ❑ ***Popcorn***
  by Rob Harrell
- ❑ ***Single Shard, A***
  by Linda Sue Park
- ❑ ***Superpod: Saving the Endangered Orcas of the Pacific Northwest***
  by Nora Nickum
- ❑ ***Superteacher Project, The***
  by Gordon Korman
- ❑ ***Total Garbage: A Messy Dive into Trash, Waste & Our World***
  by Rebecca Donnelly
- ❑ ***Very Bad at Math***
  by Hope Larson
- ❑ ***Work In Progress, A***
  by Jarrett Lerner

William Allen White 6th - 8th Grade Book Award List 2026 - 2027

- ❑ ***Sylvia Doe and the 100 Year Flood***
  by Robert Beatty
- ❑ ***Plain Jane and the Mermaid***
  by Vera Brosgol
- ❑ ***The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman***
  by Gennifer Choldenko
- ❑ ***Bridge to Bat City***
  by Ernest Cline
- ❑ ***Dinner at the Brake Fast***
  by Renee Beauregard Lute
- ❑ ***Telephone of the Tree***
  by Alison McGhee
- ❑ ***The Long Way Around***
  by Anne Nesbet
- ❑ ***The Wrong Way Home***
  by Kate O'Shaughnessy
- ❑ ***Averil Offline***
  by Amy Noelle Parks
- ❑ ***Spooky Lakes: 25 Strange and Mysterious Lakes that Dot Our Planet***
  by Geo Rutherford
- ❑ ***Louder Than Hunger***
  by John Schu

PIB Community Service Requirements

Community service is an integral part of the PIB program in middle school. First, by involving the students in their communities they gain a better understanding of their position and importance in the community. Community service also increases the students' awareness of the diversity in society and of themselves and others. Although it is not required, we encourage students to **begin earning hours this summer.** If you have any further questions, please email robinsonpib@usd259.net.

1. Each student must complete the following community service hours throughout the school year:

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Total Hours due 05/07/27	**15 Hours**	**20 Hours**	**25 Hours**
(Portion due 12/04/26)	(10 Hours)	(10 Hours)	(12.5 Hours)

Community service should occur **outside the classroom/school day—**during the student's free time.

2. Any activity that benefits the community without the student gaining directly from the activity could be used to meet the community service requirement. A student cannot be paid or otherwise rewarded for activities they plan to use for community service. Some services that do not meet the requirement are odd jobs, babysitting for relatives or family friends, or being an acolyte during church services. Each activity must have an adult supervisor.

3. Students will submit activity details at bit.ly/robinsonpib. They must be logged into their school Microsoft account. Each activity should be uploaded as a separate submission and must include a picture of the adult supervisor's signature in pen. The picture should also include the student's name, what they did, when they did it, how long they served, and the adult supervisor's signature. Students should also track their hours on their personal record sheet. Summer hours must be submitted during the first semester.

4. Students may do the same type of activity more than once; however, no more than ten hours can be counted for one type of activity. If you do more than ten hours for one activity, please turn all hours in for credit. Awards will be given at the end of the year based on total community service hours.

5. Students may earn up to a maximum of five community service hours for participating in or supporting the Robinson Community through organized activities. You can earn one hour for each Robinson event you attend. No matter how long the event, it counts for one hour. Practice/rehearsal, required attendance for a grade, or any event happening during the school day does not qualify for community service. You must still document on the community service sheet with a signature and a reflection.

COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS

- Robinson Events
- Schools - Volunteer in a classroom/events
- Public Libraries
- Faith-based service events
- Community Events & Festivals - Wichita Turkey Trot, Boo Fest, Pumpkin Run, ICT SOS 5K, Prairie Fire Marathon, Asian Festival, Alternative Gift Market, Health Fest, Trunk or Treat, Fall Fests, Autumn & Art, Make ICT, Mark Arts
- Nonprofit Organizations & Service Projects - Salvation Army, Kansas Food Bank, United Methodist Open Door, Humankind Ministries, Alzheimer's Association, NAMI events, Special Olympics, Convoy of Hope, Family Promise, Race 4 Freedom, Life Care Center, Presbyterian Manor
- Community Centers & Civic Engagement – Great Plains Nature Center, Neighborhood/Park/River clean-ups with an organization or for an event

If you hear of an activity that you think would be appropriate for our students or **would like to initiate/help with a particular community service activity, please** let us know so we can include it in our weekly newsletter.

PIB Community Service Personal Record Sheet

Please list your name and all activities on the lines below. You must have a supervisor's signature to receive credit. You will insert a picture of the supervisor's signature online.

✓	Date	Activity Description	# of Hours	Supervisor's Signature

BOOK REVIEW

For your 6th grade summer reading homework, you will read one book from the 2026–2027 William Allen White list. Choose a book that interests you and read it over the summer. As you read, think about important ideas, characters, or messages in the story. On the first day of school, be prepared to share this organizer with the book's title, the author, and one significant quote that stood out to you. This quote should show something meaningful about the story, such as a theme or an important moment.

NAME OF BOOK

AUTHOR

RATING

CHARACTERS

YOUR NAME

SIGNIFICANT QUOTE

