Due to the Board of Education adopting a summer reading program, each student who enrolls in Honors English 9 at Robert C. Byrd High School will be required to do the following over the summer vacation:

- Read a short novel, either *The Pigman* by Paul Zindel or *Animal Farm* by George Orwell.
- Read the poem “The Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost.
- Read the short story “Flight” by John Steinbeck.

(The materials are available in local school and public libraries and are available at bookstores.)

Rather than doing actual summer work, students who are enrolling will be tested and assessed for their knowledge of the material in the first week to ten days of the new school year. Assessment will include content questions, written analysis and a mini-project. Failure to show basic understanding of the materials and/or failure to complete ANY part of this beginning work will mean the student will not be allowed to enroll in the course.

There will be two further requirements to enroll in the course.

1. The student will bring a signed English 9 Honors enrollment form to the first enrollment meeting with RCB counselors.

2. The student must attach a handwritten sample of his/her writing to the form mentioned above. The topic sentence for the sample is: I WANT TO ENROLL IN HONORS ENGLISH 9 BECAUSE______________________. The sample should be one paragraph.

Once enrolled in the class, students are expected to maintain an A or A/B average.