NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Subject: 2026-2027 Campus and Classroom Library Titles Approved: Submission One

Related Page(s): Distributed to NEISD Board of Trustees; NEISD Webpages

ACTION ITEM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

North East ISD began strengthening its library vetting practices in 2021 in accordance with the Texas Penal Code Section 43.01 amendments that first took effect in September 2019. NEISD created thorough resource guidance documents, Texas Penal Code 43.01 training, parent access to library catalogs, and the creation of campus and district advisory committees. House Bill 900, effective in 2023, added new requirements for selecting and reviewing library materials, which the district incorporated. In response, our NEISD Library Services Department expanded training and increased transparency for all stakeholders. Senate Bill 13, effective in 2025, introduced school board approval of all library materials, community feedback cycles, and expanded responsibilities for the District Library Advisory Committee. NEISD integrated these expectations into its established review processes and trained instructional leaders to ensure that both campus and classroom libraries followed the same procedures.

Advisory Committees and Training

NEISD continued campus-level advisory committees to support communication and transparency. Campus librarians recruited members through newsletters and in-person events, and applicants could also indicate interest in serving on our District Library Advisory Committee (DLAC). DLAC membership includes representation from all Single Member Districts, with curriculum and library services staff serving as non-voting members. A virtual training session was provided to DLAC members on SB 13 requirements, DLAC operating procedures, and available resources for title vetting purposes.

Campus and Classroom Library Title Lists

Proposed campus library and classroom library titles for student self-selected reading were reviewed and posted publicly from October 2 to November 1, 2026, with promotion on the district main page, and a Blackboard notification reminder. A community feedback Google form in English and Spanish was shared for both lists. Title lists and a link to community feedback was shared with the Board on October 6, 2026.

- *Pending final feedback:* During the feedback window, the district received 15 submissions for campus library titles
- During the feedback window, the district received nine submissions for classroom library titles

- Any concerns prompted the creation of book resume(s) and a district-level review by our DLAC, and shared with our Board as soon as they were completed by Library Services and C&I departments.

Encouraging Public Feedback
Public review opportunities were shared through district homepage spotlights and a Blackboard reminder on October 15, 2026.

DLAC Recommendation
On Thursday, November 5, 2026, the District Library Advisory Committee (DLAC) met to review all submitted feedback and finalize its recommendation for Board consideration. The committee voted unanimously, ***Pending Results***. The results are outlined below.

- Approve **all campus library titles** including all associated ISBNs with the exception of the ***Pending Results*** removed by Library Services
- Approve **all classroom library titles** including all associated ISBNs with the exception of the ***Pending Results*** removed by C&I

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Administrative staff recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the amended Campus Library Title Lists and Classroom Library Title Lists posted on October 2, 2026, in accordance with Senate Bill 13 requirements. Approval of the amended classroom and campus library title lists affirms that the district has met all posting, review, and public comment expectations outlined in statute.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION

None

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Approval/Disapproval