



NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: December 8, 2025

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Subject: 25-26 Campus and Classroom Library Titles Approval: 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 created the first 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. Live and asynchronous training was provided to DLAC members on SB 13 requirements, review procedures, and available resources for 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 on October 24, 2025, with promotion on the district main page, and weekly Blackboard notifications for community feedback. A public comment form was shared for both lists.

- *Pending final feedback:* During the feedback window, the district received one supportive comment on a campus library title and no feedback on classroom library titles. Any concern would have prompted the creation of book resume(s) and a district-level review

to support DLAC and a recommendation to our Board for consideration and approval.

Encouraging Public Feedback

Public review opportunities were shared through district homepage spotlights, campus newsletters, principal communication, and two direct emails to all district parents on November 12 and November 20, 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Administrative staff recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the Campus Library Title Lists and Classroom Library Title Lists posted on October 24, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of Senate Bill 13. Approval of these 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