

Proposed Library Purchase List (SB 13, 2025)

Summary of Law

Texas Senate Bill 13 (2025) requires school boards to adopt policies governing the acquisition, review, and reconsideration of library materials. Key requirements include:

- Board adoption of an acquisition policy (fulfilled by EFB(LOCAL)).
- Public posting of proposed purchase or donation lists at least 30 days prior to Board action.
- Board approval or rejection of proposed lists in an open meeting.
- Efficient parental access to library catalogs and the ability to restrict their child's access to specific titles.
- Procedures for formal challenges and appeals of library materials.
- Compliance with standards established by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, including prohibitions against harmful or pervasively vulgar materials.

District Policy

Baird ISD updated and adopted EFB(LOCAL) on July 31, 2025 to comply with SB 13. This policy:

- Establishes collection development standards and goals.
- Defines procedures for recommending and procuring library materials, including the requirement that the Board approve proposed lists in open meeting.
- Requires the initial posting of proposed purchase lists at least 30 days before the Board takes action.
- Provides parents with catalog access and the ability to restrict their child's selections.
- Establishes procedures for informal and formal challenges, including use of the TEA form and challenge committees.
- Requires restricted access to challenged materials during review and provides for Board appeals.
- Sets expectations for ongoing collection maintenance, review, and compliance with state law.

Current Status

Tonight's agenda item fulfills the requirement for initial posting of the proposed library purchase list. The list has been made publicly available in accordance with SB 13 and EFB(LOCAL) and is also posted on the District's website for community review. Formal Board action to approve or reject the list will occur at the next regular meeting following the 30-day posting period.