



Meeting Date: April 23, 2026

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Agenda Item: Consider and take action regarding approving the purchase of library materials to be added to the Judson ISD Library Collection.

CONSENT ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of library materials to be added to the Judson ISD Library Collection.

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

Texas Senate Bill 13, from the 89th Legislature, was developed to increase parental control over school library materials, aiming to ensure materials align with community values by prohibiting "harmful" content and providing parents access to catalogs and a process for challenges. To increase transparency and parental rights, SB 13 mandates that any items proposed for purchase for a library or library collection must be made available to the public for review 30 days prior to any action to approve purchase by the Board of Trustees. Proposed library purchase items were posted to the Judson ISD Library Website on February 24, 2026 to meet the 30 day review requirement prior to any formal board action. The district will bring proposed lists of purchases to the board multiple times per year ensuring that all timelines are met for review and board action. The current request includes 498 titles for Elementary and 49 titles for Middle School. Items provided on this listing will remain and will be listed with the applicable approval date by the board. The library purchase and proposal list will be a running list as the district seeks to expand on the offerings within our libraries for our students and community. All items included in the listing were reviewed by the campus librarians and met two or more of the following factors for library materials as stipulated in Judson ISD Board Policy EFB (LOCAL): (1) Recommendations from students, parents or guardians, teachers, and District residents; (2) Consultation with District teachers and library staff; (3) Consultation with library staff from other districts; (4) Extensive review of the library material; (5) Context of the library material, including overall fit within the existing collection and support of district curriculum; (6) Review of the library material from sources such as professional journals in library science, recognized professional education and content journals with book reviews, national and state award recognition lists, library



science field experts, and highly acclaimed author and literacy expert recommendations; (7) Coverage of topics, authors, series, or genres that fill gaps in the school library collection. The library list may be viewed at <https://www.judsonisd.org/o/jisd/page/book-purchase-previews>

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval/Disapproval