

# NAVARRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Subject:** **SB 13- Consideration and Possible Action on EFB Policy (Library Materials)**

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**Date:** August 11, 2025

**Administrator Responsible/Position:** Mandy D. Epley. Superintendent of Schools

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**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

☐ Information Only

☒ Action Needed

☐ Receive Input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

☒ Local Policy

☒ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

**C. Priority, Goal, or Need Addressed:**

☐ Strategic Plan

☐ District/Campus  
Improvement  
Plan

☒ Other

**Priorities**

☐ **Priority 1:** Recruiting, Hiring, Coaching, and Retaining High Quality Teachers and Staff to Support Student Outcomes.

☐ **Priority 2:** Maximizing Academic Performance.

☐ **Priority 3:** Maximizing Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Opportunities, Performance, and Engagement.

☐ **Priority 4:** Planning, Preparing, and Maintaining Facilities and Environments for Learning.

☐ **Priority 5:** Obtaining and Maintaining Top Rated District Recognition

**Board Goals for 2023-2028**

☐ **Goal 1\*:** The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Reading will increase from 49% to 60% by June 2024, 65% for 2024-2025, 70% for 2025-2026, 75% for 2026-2027, 80% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

☐ **Goal 2\*:** Increased overall student performance in mathematics to 85% Meets Standard by 2028. The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Math will increase from 53% to 65% by June 2024, 70% for 2024-2025, 75% for 2025-2026, 80% for 2026-2027, 85% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

☐ **Goal 3\*:** The percentage of graduates that meet the criteria for CCMR will increase from 72% to 88% by August 2024 and increase to 95% by 2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

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**Summary:** **Administration seeks action addressing SB13 with recommended language from TASB to be applied to EFB Local**

**Sec. 33.025. LOCAL SCHOOL LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

**(a)**

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Subject to Subsection (b), the board of trustees of each school district may establish a local school library advisory council to assist the district in ensuring that local community values are reflected in each school library catalog in the district. A school district that does not establish a local school library advisory council must ensure that the district's procedures for adding or removing library materials to or from a school library catalog comply with:

(1) the library standards approved under Section 33.021; and

(2) the meeting requirements under Subsections (g) and (h).

(b) The board of trustees of a school district shall

establish a local school library advisory council if the parents of at least 10 percent of the students enrolled in the district or 50 or more parents of students enrolled in the district, whichever is fewer, present to the board a petition to establish a local school library advisory council. A council established under this subsection may not be abolished until the third anniversary of the date on which the council was established.

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**Background  
Information:**

This new law, established in the 89th legislative session changes how library materials are acquired and challenged.

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TEA is charged with developing a model policy compliant with SB 13. TEA has indicated that the model policy will not be available before the start of the school year.

TASB has provided appropriate language to consider in EFB(LOCAL) that our district would not establish a school library advisory council (SLAC) unless, by the statute, the parents of at least 10 percent of the students enrolled in the district or 50 or more parents of students enrolled in the district, whichever is fewer, present to the board a petition to establish a local school library advisory council. A council established under this subsection may not be abolished until the third anniversary of the date on which the council was established. TASB has also provided policy if the school board wished to establish a school library advisory council.

The law becomes effective on Sept. 1, 2025. Compliant policy language is required for the 2025-26 school year.

SB 13 is effective September 1, 2025.

**School boards are required to adopt a policy for acquisition of library materials before the first day of the 2025-2026 school year.**

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is required to update and adopt the school library collection development standards by April 1, 2026.

The Texas Education Agency is directed to adopt a model acquisition policy which school districts may choose to use as soon as practicable.

The agency is also directed to adopt a form to be used for making written challenges which districts are required to use. According to TEA's [timeline for implementing legislation](#) from the 89th session, SB 13 library policies will be issued in August.

TASB released updated EFB Local policies in July. District administrators are directed to contact their TASB policy consultant to obtain the policies.

**Collection Development**

Prohibits library materials with “profane content” or “indecent content” from school library collections. The definitions of profane and indecent content come from FCC broadcast guidelines.

Prohibits library material that refers a person to a website containing content prohibited by the law by a link or QR code.

Broadly defines “library material” as any book, record, file, or other instrument or document in a school district’s library catalog.

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Instructional materials and materials in TexShare are not considered library material for the purposes of this law.

Applies the collection development standards mandated by the law (TSLAC standards) to all library materials available for use or display, including material in school libraries, classroom libraries, online catalogs, library mobile applications, and any other library catalog a student may access.

### Parental Access

Requires districts to provide parental access to school library catalogs and those districts with an LMS or online learning portal must provide parents a record of each time their child checks out a library material. Districts must develop a process by which parents can submit a list of library materials that their child may not be allowed to check out or access for use outside of the school library and the student is then not allowed to check out material on that list.

### Local School Advisory Councils

Districts have the option to establish a Local School Advisory Council. If they choose not to do so, a petition signed by the lesser of 10% or 50 parents of students in the district will require the district to establish a council.

School board appoints council members, a minimum of five (5), the majority of council members must be parents of students enrolled in the district.

The school board must consider the council's recommendations before adding or removing material from the school library catalog, and before making changes to policies or guidelines related to school library catalogs. Council meetings are open to the public and must be recorded and shared on the district's website.

Council duties include recommending to the school board:

policies and procedures for purchasing library materials consistent with local community values

whether materials are grade level appropriate

agreements or strategies for collaboration between the school district and local public libraries and communities organizations (if feasible)

the removal of library material the council determines to be harmful, or containing indecent or profane content that is inconsistent with local community values or ages appropriateness

policies and procedures for processing challenges and action to be taken by the district in response to challenges received

### Acquiring Library Materials

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The school board must adopt a policy for acquiring library materials, including purchasing and the receipt of donated materials. The board must:

- Make the list of materials proposed to be purchased or donated to the school library available for public review for 30 days before final approval
- Approve all library materials proposed to be purchased or donated to the school library in an open meeting, considering the advice and recommendation of the local school library advisory council if one was established.

### Challenges to Library Materials

All challenges to district library materials must be made using a form created by the Texas Education Agency.

Parents and those with a parental relation to a student in the district; district employees, and individuals residing in the district may file a written challenge.

The school board (with the advice and recommendation of the local school library advisory council if one was established) must make a determination on whether to retain or remove the challenged material within 90 days after receiving a copy of the challenge from the district.

Students are not allowed to access any material that is undergoing a challenge.

If the board retains the material, it cannot be challenged again for two (2) years.

If the board removes the material, it is removed from the district catalog and from any classroom library.

### Resources

#### **SB 13 FAQs** (July 15, 2025)

<https://txla.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/SB-13-FAQs-July-15-2025.pdf>

This FAQ document outlines our understanding of the broad requirements of the new law and its general implications for school libraries across Texas. Because each of the more than 1200 school districts in Texas operates under its own unique policies, procedures, and legal interpretations, we are unable to address district-specific scenarios. Librarians should work closely with their campus and district administrators, as well as district legal counsel, to determine how the law will be implemented locally.

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#### **E. Comments Received:**

☒ LT

☐ DEIC

☐ Other

All agenda items are reviewed by the Superintendent's Leadership Team.

- F. Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommends adopting the EFB(LOCAL)-ALT Policy in order to meet the compliant policy language requirement to meet the SB 13 mandate that school boards are required to adopt a policy for acquisition of library materials before the first day of the 2025-2026 school year.
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**G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:**

- ☐ Budget  
☐ Bond

**Amount:** N/A

- ☐ Grant/Special Funds ☐ Other

- H. Exhibits:** SB 13 (click on link) [Texas-2025-SB13-Enrolled.html](#), EFB (L)-SLAC and EFB(L)-ALT

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**Action:**

“I move to approve/disapprove/postpone”  
the approval of EFB (L)-ALT for acquisition of library materials. \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson  
AGAINST: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson  
ABSTAIN: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

MOTION CARRIED/DENIED/POSTPONED