



Discussion Item

Date: August 4, 2025

Division: Legal Services and Learning & Teaching

Subject: EF B Policy Update

Background Information:

- SB 13, regarding library book acquisitions and collection development policy, was passed in the 89th legislative session and 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 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.
- The Texas State Library Archives Commission will update the mandatory collection development standards in April 2026.

Administrative Consideration:

- Districts must follow the TSLAC mandatory collection development standards when selecting books for acquisition.
- All new library acquisitions must be posted to the LISD webpage for 30 days and provide for a location for submission of comments.
- At the end of 30 days, the Board must take action during a regularly scheduled board meeting to approve or reject the posted list of materials.
- SB 13 includes the following exemptions from the 30-day public comment and board approval requirements:
 - replace a damaged copy with the same ISBN that is currently in the catalog
 - additional copies of a title with the same ISBN that is current in the catalog
 - has the same ISBN and has been approved for the same grade levels by the school board from a previous proposed list of library materials
- Challenged library materials must be restricted from circulation while a committee reviews the material.
- At the conclusion of committee review, the Board must take action during a regularly scheduled board meeting on the committee's recommendation regarding the challenged library material.
- The Board has been provided with the recommendation policy and will consider adoption on August 11.