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HISD BOARD MEETING

Student Support Services

Thursday October 16th, 2025

*89th Legislature - Senate Bill (SB) 13 -
School Library Requirements*





SB 13 – School Library Materials Law

- Passed by the 89th Texas Legislature
- Establishes new requirements for library collections, parental access, and oversight
- **Key Provisions:**
 - Prohibits “profane” or “indecent” content in school libraries
 - Expands parental rights to view catalogs and restrict student checkouts
 - Creates a formal challenge and appeal process using TEA’s standard form
 - Requires board approval of catalog updates after 30-day public review
 - Board policy required for purchases & donations
 - Requires final approval in an open board meeting
 - Applies to school libraries, classroom libraries, online catalogs, and apps



Collection Development (SB 13)

Content Restrictions

- ✕ No “profane” or “indecent” content
- ✕ No links/QR codes to prohibited websites

Definition of Library Material

- Broadly = any book, record, file, or document in a district library catalog
- Excludes instructional materials

Standards Apply To

- School & classroom libraries
- Online catalogs & library apps
- Any catalog accessible to students

Parental Access (SB 13)

Access & Transparency

- Parents must have access to school library catalogs.
- If district uses an LMS or online portal, parents must see a record of each library checkout.(Our LMS is called Destiny)

Parental Restrictions

- Districts must create a process for parents to submit a “do not check out” list
- Students may not check out or access materials placed on their parent’s list





Challenges to Library Materials

1. Filing a Challenge

- All challenges to district library materials must be submitted using the form provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).
- Challenges may be filed in writing by:
 - Parents or guardians of students in the district
 - District employees
 - Individuals residing in the district
 - Challenges will initially be filtered to Deputy Superintendent's Office/Committee

2. Board Review and Determination

- The school board-must decide whether to retain or remove the challenged material.
- A determination must be made within 90 days of the district receiving the challenge.

3. Access During the Challenge

- Students are not allowed to access any material while it is undergoing a challenge.

4. Outcome of the Challenge

- If the board retains the material:
 - The material cannot be challenged again for two years.
 - If the board removes the material:
 - It is removed from the district catalog and all classroom libraries.
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Catalog Approval (SB 13)

- **When a library catalog is updated:**
 - The Board must approve or reject proposed materials
 - Action must occur at the first open meeting held 30+ days after the updated list is posted for public review



Questions?

