

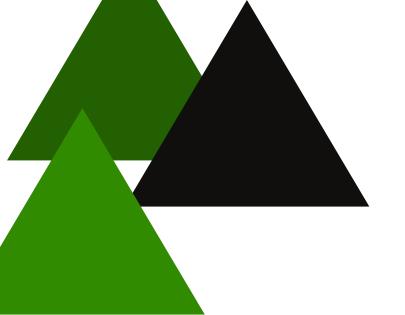
## HISD BOARD MEETING

### **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
  - o Applies to school libraries, classroom libraries, online catalogs, and apps



## Collection Development (SB 13)

#### **Content Restrictions**

- X No "profane" or "indecent" content
- X 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.



# 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?

