



Board of Trustees Meeting

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SB 13 and Policy EFB(Local)

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Overview of SB 13

“Senate Bill 13 primarily focuses on the regulation of school district library materials and catalogs, parental rights regarding these materials, and the establishment of local school library advisory councils.”

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General Information regarding SB 13

- Signed into law on June 20, 2025
- Continues library standards work that started with HB 900 from the 88th Legislative Session
- Many of AISD's current practices already meet or are a good start to meeting the SB 13 standards.
- Formal guidance has not been issued.
- School boards must adopt a policy for acquiring library materials before the start of the 2025-2026 school year. This is EFB (Local).



Changes to Library Material Acquisition

- The Board will be much more involved going forward in regards to library material purchases.
- The Board now has to approve all library materials being purchased.
- Donated materials will require Board approval.
- All materials must be posted prior to purchase.



Parent Involvement

- Parents are granted access to their students library check out history.
- Parents are granted access to library catalogues. This includes
 - School Libraries
 - Classroom Libraries
 - Online Libraries
 - Library Mobile Applications
- Parents have the right to restrict their student's access to certain library materials
- School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)
 - Board Can Establish or
 - Parent Petition Can Establish



School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

“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:

- The library standards approved under Section 33.021; and
- The meeting requirements under Subsections (g) and (h).”



School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

“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 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.”



Proposed Policy EFB(Local)

This is what is required to be passed before the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

There are two versions of the policy:

- EFB(L) - SLAC
- EFB(L) - Alt

What you want to do regarding SLAC will decide which version of EFB(Local) we will ask you to vote on Monday, August 11, 2025.

What else is in EFB(Local)?



School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

(If a SLAC is established...)

Purpose of the SLAC -

- District must consider the SLAC recommendations before:
 - Adding library materials to a school library catalog;
 - Removing library materials from a school library catalog following a challenge under Section 33.027
 - Making changes to policies or guidelines related to a school library catalog.



School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

(If a SLAC is established...)

Duties of SLAC include recommending:

- Policies and procedures for the acquisition of library materials consistent with local community values;
- To the board of trustees whether library materials proposed for acquisition are appropriate for each grade level of the school or campus for which the library materials are proposed to be acquired;
- If feasible, joint use agreements or strategies for collaboration between the school district and local public libraries and community organizations;



School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

(If a SLAC is established...)

Duties of SLAC include recommending: (continued)

- The removal of any library materials that the council determines to be harmful material or material containing indecent content or progan content that is inconsistent with local community values or age appropriateness
- The policies and procedures for processing challenges received
- The action to be taken by the district in response to a challenge received



School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

(If a SLAC is established...)

Who is on the SLAC

- Must consist of at least five members, with each member appointed by the board of trustees, and with each trustee appointing an equal number of members. A majority of the voting members of the council must be persons who are parents or students enrolled in the district and who are not employed by the district. One of those members shall serve as chair of the council. The board of trustees may also appoint one or more persons to serve as nonvoting members of the council from any of the following groups:
 - Classroom teachers employed by the district
 - Librarians employed by the district
 - School counselors
 - School administrators employed by the district
 - The business community
 - The clergy



School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

(If a SLAC is established...)

- Must meet at least two times a year
- Meeting post meeting 72 hours in advance
- Prepare and maintain minutes of meetings
- Make an audio or video recording of the meetings
- District must post the minutes and recording to the district website



Proposed Policy EFB(Local)

Collection Development Policy

“The library collection development standards shall apply to all library materials available for use or display, including material contained in school libraries, classroom libraries, online catalogs, library mobile applications used in the District, and any other library catalog a student may access.”

Donated and Proposed Procurement List

“At least 30 days prior to the Board’s vote to accept donated library materials or approve procurement of library materials, the Superintendent shall make accessible to the public the list of library materials in accordance with law.”



Proposed Policy EFB(Local)- continued

Parental Involvement

- Access Procedures
- Other items already discussed from SB 13

Challenge of Library Material

- Informal Challenge
- Formal Challenge
 - Challenge Committee
 - “If a challenge to a library material results in the removal of the library material from the school library catalog, each teacher assigned as the classroom teacher at the grade level for which the library material was removed shall be notified and instructed to remove any copy of the library material from the teacher’s classroom library, if applicable.”



- Implementation of SB 13 will be evolving for a while.
- As we receive guidance we will make adjustments to our current practices.
- We are trying to get pieces in place as quickly as possible to meet some minimum standards and short timelines.
- We feel like many AISD's prior practices already meet the SB 13 standards. We are waiting for more guidance to verify if that is true.
- Lyndsey Williamson is overseeing AISD Library Services. She is working with our Certified Librarians to closely monitor SB 13 implementation.