



NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Subject: Board Policy EFB (LOCAL)

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 89th legislation introduced Texas Senate Bill 13, which set new regulations for public school libraries. These rules enhance parental access to student borrowing records, increase catalog transparency, and provide a parental opt-out option. Senate Bill 13 also imposes stricter standards for library materials and includes a mechanism for community involvement in library collection decisions. These changes aim to formalize the processes for purchasing, accessing, challenging, and appealing school library materials.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

The purpose of board policy EFB (Local) is to ensure that the District provides a wide range of library materials for students and faculty that support student achievement and present varying levels of difficulty and topics, and a variety of points of view. This policy also provides standards for collection development and the selection and evaluation of library materials.

Based on Senate Bill 13, our Board shall approve at open sessions meeting all library materials that have been donated or that are to be procured by a school library. Additionally, our board shall form a District Library Advisory Committee (DLAC) if 10% or 50 parents make a request. Lastly our district shall ensure compliance with the library material standards set forth in this policy and make the list of library materials that have been donated or will be procured accessible for public review for a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to final approval by the Board.

Essentially, all library materials to be acquired by the District shall be subject to final approval by the Board in accordance with the procedure set forth in EFB policy and in accordance with applicable law.

We recommend our board adopts EFB Local as presented, which includes a minimum of **two open session** meetings for approving all procured and donated library materials. We also recommend that the board selects and forms a District Library Advisory Committee (DLAC), which consist of two members for each district to review recommended library book purchases.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION

No additional funds will be needed

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Approval/Disapproval