

Plattsmouth Community Schools

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6300B Parental Permission for Student Access to Restricted Content in Plattsmouth Community Schools Libraries

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Plattsmouth Community Schools is committed to providing your child with engaging, relevant, and age-appropriate educational opportunities. As a part of our commitment, Plattsmouth School Board has adopted Policy 6300 regarding the selection and review of materials. This policy is intended to ensure the integrity, appropriateness, accuracy, and quality of educational materials that each student may access in our school libraries. As such, the policy establishes a process by which parents may file a complaint against, or challenge the legitimacy of, a particular book or other reading material within our collection for non-compliance with our districts guiding mission and educational commitments. Such challenges will be reviewed by the Plattsmouth School Board in accordance with policy 6300.

Plattsmouth School Board further recognizes that, while some materials challenged by parents may not ultimately be removed from our school library collection for various reasons, parents may ultimately still object to their child accessing such books or other reading materials. As such, each school library may designate some materials in their collection as containing "restricted content." Such materials may be designated as restricted if, in the view of our district, the material contains themes, scenarios, or other content that may be considered inappropriate for the developmental level of the students attending that school building. Materials designated as containing "restricted content" will only be accessible to students whose parents have completed this permission form; thereby granting their student the permission to read and to check out the "restricted content."

"Restricted Content" Guidelines

The following is intended as an **incomplete** list of criteria our libraries may utilize when considering when to designate certain materials in our school library collection as "restricted content." The criteria listed below is not static, but rather will be adjusted to reflect the age-appropriateness for the developmental audience for which school library it is located.

<u>Obscenity</u>- content that violates contemporary community standards and has no serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value. This category contains material of a sexual nature (including pornography and other mature content of a similar lewd nature).

<u>Vulgarity/Profanity</u>- Coarse, crude, offensive, or profane language. Hate speech may also be vulgar or profane.

Violence/Gore- content that glorifies, promotes, or encourages harm to others or the self.

<u>Drug/Alcohol Use</u>- content that glorifies, promotes, encourages, or references the use of illicit mind-altering substances, age-restricted substances, or other inappropriate substances use of reference to drug or alcohol paraphernalia.

Please sign the portion below to allow your child to access our libraries "restricted content."

*This form must be signed in-person at the building where your child attends school and it must be witnessed by a building administrator or an administrative assistant.

Student's Name (First and Last)	School Building & Grade			
Parent/Guardian's Name (printed) Witness' Printed Name				
Parent/Guardian's Signature	Date			
Student's Signature	Date			
Witness' Signature	Date			