



Specific Material Objection Form

Part I:

According to Volusia County School Board Policy 320, Section V:

1. Individuals must register their objection to library media materials with the principal of the school where the individual knows the materials to be in use.
2. The complainant shall meet with the principal and school-based instructional personnel to discuss the complainant's objection.
 - a. If the resolution is removal of the title at the principal's conference level, the principal shall forward the *Principal's Record* form and the *Specific Materials Objection* form to the district media supervisor to begin the district-level review to determine if the resolution for removal should apply to all Volusia County schools.
 - b. Should the issue not be resolved at the principal's conference level, the complainant shall submit a copy of the completed *Specific Materials Objection* form to the district media supervisor listed on the form within fifteen (15) school days of the principal's conference. Please note: A resident of Volusia County who is not the parent or guardian of a student with access to school district materials may not object to more than one material per month.
 - c. Moreover, if the complainant has an objection to the use of the library media material which impacts other students besides his or her own student(s), then the principal shall direct the complainant to make a formal objection by submitting the *Specific Materials Objection* form to the district media supervisor.
3. **District-Level Review** - The district media supervisor will notify the superintendent upon receipt of a *Specific Materials Objection* form. The superintendent shall designate the district media supervisor as being responsible for organizing the district-level review committee pursuant to School Board policies. The district-level review committee shall convene within thirty (30) school days of the receipt of the *Specific Materials Objection* form. If multiple objections are received from a complainant, then the district-level review committee shall convene regarding the first objection within thirty (30) school days. The district-level review committee will generate a timeline for the remaining objections.

4. The district review committee shall be limited to determining whether the material violates the requirements of 1006.28(2)(a)2.a. or b., Fla. Stat. or Fla. Stat.; 1006.40. The district-level review committee's recommendation shall be one (1) of the following:
 - a. The objectionable material contains prohibited content under Fla. Stat. 1006.28 or 1006.40. The recommendation shall be to discontinue use of the material for any grade level or age group district-wide for which the committee determines such use is inappropriate or unsuitable.
 - b. The objectionable material does not contain prohibited content under Fla. Stat. 1006.28 or 1006.40. The recommendation shall be for the materials(s) to remain in circulation in Volusia County Schools.
5. The district-level review committee meeting must be noticed and open to the public. Before rendering a decision, the district-level review committee will provide (15) minutes designated for public comment for or against removal of the objected material.
6. The complainant shall be informed, in writing, of the committee's resolution within ten (10) school days after the district-level review committee's report is received by the superintendent. If a title is determined to be in violation of Florida Statute by the district-level review committee, then the title shall be removed from all Volusia County Schools.
7. School Board Appeal - If the complainant disagrees with the district-level review committee's decision, he or she may file an appeal with the school board through the office of the superintendent within ten (10) school days of the date of the decision using *the Resolution Appeal* form. In such case, the school board shall review the decisions from the district-level committees and provide the complainant with the opportunity to proffer evidence. The school board shall render a decision on the complainant's objection, which shall be limited to whether the material violates section 1006.28(2)(a)2.a. or b., Fla. Stat.
8. If the complainant disagrees with the determination made by the district school board, the complainant may request the Commissioner of Education to appoint a special magistrate.

District contact information:

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Submit completed form to: dlrybins@volusia.k12.fl.us

Part II:

Introduction

This form must be used by a parent or resident of this county, in conjunction with district policies and procedures, to submit an objection to the school board for the following material:

1. Materials used in a classroom in the district, except for instructional materials as defined in s. 1006.29(2), F.S. The process and forms to object to instructional materials can be found at <https://www.vcsedu.org/fs/resource-manager/view/14cd5490-6d78-42e4-b127-dd9da61f1874>
2. Materials made available to students in a school or classroom library.
3. Materials included on a school or classroom reading list.

Section 1: Parent or Resident Information

1. I am a parent or guardian of a district or homeschool student who has access to school district materials described in Part II of this form. ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, skip question 2)
2. ☐ I am a resident of this county and
☐ I have not submitted an objection to any other materials described in Part II of this form during this calendar month. (Both boxes under question 2 must be checked to submit an objection as a resident.)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ Email _____

Phone Number _____

Section 2: Information Regarding Material

Type of material: ☐ Book ☐ Non-print material ☐ Other (identify): _____

Title of the material: _____

Author(s): _____ Publisher or Producer: _____

Copyright Date: _____ Grade Level used: _____

Where is the material found: ☐ Media Center ☐ Classroom Library ☐ Reading List ☐ Other: _____

School(s) where material is found: _____

ISBN, if available: _____

Section 3: Basis for the Objection

Identify the basis for your objection:

- ☐ The material is pornographic.
- ☐ The material is prohibited under Section 847.012, F.S.
- ☐ The material depicts or describes sexual conduct as defined in Section 847.001(19), F.S.
- ☐ The material is not suited to student needs and their ability to comprehend the material.
- ☐ The material is inappropriate for the grade level and age group for which it is used.

Section 4: Objection Specific Information

1. What brought this material to your attention?

2. Did you examine this material in its entirety? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, what sections did you examine?

3. Identify the portion of the material objected to and why. (*You must be specific and provide page numbers, sections, or timestamps, as appropriate. You may attach additional information that does not fit within this form.*)

4. Is there any age or grade you would recommend this material? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify: _____

5. Is there any value in this material?

6. What is your desired outcome for this material?

- ☐ Remove or discontinue use of material.
- ☐ Limit access to certain grade levels: _____
- ☐ Limit my child's access.
- ☐ Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____