Wylie ISD Library Materials Challenge Form

Under Texas Education Code (TEC) §33.027, a parent, district employee, or person residing in a school district may submit a written challenge to any library material in a school's library catalog. To submit a written challenge, an eligible individual must complete and submit the Library Materials Challenge Form. In accordance with TEC §33.027, an individual completing the form must identify how the challenged library material violates library standards adopted by the Texas State Library and Archive Commission (TSLAC). Wylie ISD Library Materials are governed by Policy EFB (Legal) and EFB (Local).

Upon receipt of a Library Materials Challenge Form:

- The district must submit a copy of the form to an assigned subcommittee, no later than the fifth day after the written challenge is received.
- A school district must prohibit student access to challenged library material until the district takes action in response to the challenge.
- The district's subcommittee must read the material in its entirety and make a recommendation for action no later than the 90th day after the council receives the challenge.
- The subcommittee must make written findings of fact to support its recommendation, with an explanation of the basis of each finding, for each criteria of relevance to a board's actions on the recommendation, including:
    - whether the material is "harmful material;"
    - whether the material is "pervasively vulgar;"
    - whether the material is "educationally unsuitable;"
    - whether the material contains "indecent content" or "profane content;" and
    - whether it refers a person to an Internet website containing content prohibited under this policy.
- The school district's board of trustees must take action on the written challenge at the first open meeting held after the 90th day after receipt of a written challenge.
- In adjudicating a challenge, the board shall consider:
    - the recommendation and justification of the subcommittee;
    - reviews of materials conducted by academic experts specializing in the subject matter covered by the library material or in the education of students in the subject and grade level for which the library material is intended;
    - whether the library material is suitable for the subject and grade level for which the library material is intended; and
    - whether the library material adheres to the library standards approved by TSLAC under TEC, §33.021.
- A material shall not be removed based solely on the ideas contained in the material or the personal background of the author of the material or the characters in the material.
- The board may amend a finding of fact as provided by the subcommittee to correct any errors or omissions.
- After the board vote, the appropriate district-level administrator shall notify the complainant of the result within five business days.

An individual may submit an appeal to the board of trustees regarding a district's response to a written challenge. The board must take action on an appeal at the first open meeting held after the appeal is filed.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

District/Charter School: _____

Campus: _____

Select all the following that apply:

- ☐ Parent/guardian of student enrolled in the district
- ☐ District employee
- ☐ District resident

Library Materials Challenge Form Instructions

1. Enter the title of the text, author, ISBN (if known), and how the challenged library material violates the TSLAC standards.
2. Follow the school district's instructions for submitting the Library Materials Challenge Form.

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In the space below or in a separate attachment, provide the title of the text, author, ISBN (if known), and how the challenged library material violates the TSLAC standards. If submitting a separate attachment, please indicate below that there is an attachment.

What action are you requesting regarding the challenged material?

Submitting the Library Materials Challenge Form

The Library Materials Challenge Form must be completed, signed, and returned to:

- **Dr. Stephen Davis, Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum**
- **Stephen.Davis@wylieisd.net**
- **972.429.3000**
- **Educational Service Center, 951 S. Ballard Ave.**

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Signature of Person Submitting Challenge Form **Date**