Local Classroom Review

Requesting a Local Classroom Review

As part of House Bill 1605 (HB 1605), passed by the 88th Texas Legislature in 2023, school districts across Texas are required to ensure that instructional materials used in classrooms align with both the district-adopted curriculum and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). This is accomplished through a process called the **Local Classroom Review (LCR)**.

What Is a Local Classroom Review?

A Local Classroom Review is a formal evaluation of the classroom materials used for daily instruction. These reviews are conducted using state-approved rubrics developed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and were adopted by the State Board of Education in April 2025. The rubrics ensure materials meet academic expectations and are aligned to the TEKS.

Local Classroom Reviews can only be requested for the following subjects and grade levels:

- ELAR K–3 Foundational Skills
- ELAR K–3 Reading Comprehension
- ELAR 4–8 Reading Comprehension
- Mathematics K–12

How Can Parents Request a Review?

Parents may formally request a Local Classroom Review by submitting a petition for a specific grade level and subject area at their child's campus. To submit a petition:

- Visit the Katy ISD Instructional Resources site
- Complete the electronic EFA (LOCAL) – Formal Request to Review an Instructional Resource form.
- Only one signature per enrolled student may be counted
- Each petition must be submitted individually by a parent or guardian

When Will a Review Be Conducted?

A Local Classroom Review will be initiated if:

- 25% or more of parents at a campus submit a valid petition.
    - The review may be denied by a majority vote of the school board if signatures fall between 25–50%.
- Over 50% of parents submit petitions — in this case, the review must occur.

Only one review per teacher, grade level, and subject may be conducted per year at each campus to protect instructional time.

Who Conducts the Review?

Reviews will be conducted by certified reviewers from regional service centers or by a curriculum review service provider approved by the TEA. These reviewers will assess materials using the state-developed rubrics.

What If a Petition Is Denied?

Parents have the right to appeal a denied petition through the following steps:

1. Appeal to the campus principal
2. If unresolved, escalate to the EFA Level II grievance designee.
3. Finally, bring the concern to the Katy ISD Board of Trustees
4. If still unresolved, a written complaint may be submitted to the Texas Commissioner of Education