

Understanding Legislative Impact and Evaluating Policy



- Train your administration and library staff in the many facets of both HB 900 and SB 13
 - Explanation of HB 900 & SB 13
 - SB 13 & HB 900 Comparison
- Ensure your collection development policy meets mandatory standards

Collection Development Plan / LSLACs

- Identify who is responsible for implementing the collection development policy.
- Ensure that evaluation includes suitability for age group, as well as other measures explained in mandatory collection development standards, such as restrictions on harmful materials
- If implemented, Local School Library Advisory Councils should be trained in the collection development policy and all rules for LSLACs should be followed

Library Catalog Transparency and Parental Rights

- Library Catalog is available online for community viewing
- Classroom library inventories should be available to parents, if requested
- Parents/Guardians are given access to library catalog
- Develop procedure for parent to submit to district or school a list of material their child will be barred from checking out or accessing
- Districts with LMS or online learning portal provide a record of each time the child checks out a library material
 - For Destiny users, parents will have the ability to access checkout history and block titles
 - Instructional materials or technology allotment can be used for costs associated with this section

Acquisition of Library Materials and Challenge Process

- An acquisition policy, separate from the district's collection development policy, must be adopted by the school board
- Any books being purchased or donated (exempting identical materials already in collection) must be available for public comment for 30 days
- Boards must approve new or donated titles in a public meeting
- Materials must be reviewed using collection development standards
- Any district resident, employee, or parent may challenge a book using the TEA adopted form
- Challenged books are removed from both library and classroom shelves until the review process is completed
- Board must act within 90 days
- Decisions to retain materials apply for 2 years after initial challenge