

Our Library Materials Policy



EFB (LOCAL) | 2026-2027 Guide for Families

What Counts as “Library Materials”?

The new standards apply everywhere students find books — not just the campus library.

School
Libraries

Classroom
Libraries

Online
Catalogs

Library
Apps

How Books Are Chosen

Librarians and professional staff recommend titles that meet the District's collection goals:



Supports Learning

Enriches the TEKS and curriculum for varied interests, maturity levels, and abilities.



Accurate & Authoritative

Factual content from trusted, authoritative sources.



Sparks a Love of Reading

High appeal and interest that encourages reading, thinking, and discussion.



Reflects Every Student

Diverse viewpoints and cultural groups, so the collection embodies all students' backgrounds.



NEW — At least two selection factors required. Every recommendation considers factors such as professional reviews, award lists, input from students, parents, and teachers, extensive review of the material, and fit within the existing collection.

New Title Process



Donated & proposed titles are shared with the community for **30 days** before any vote.



Materials are reviewed for approval before joining the district collection.

Parents & Families



Set checkout limits

Submit a list of titles your child may not check out or take home.



Choose alternatives

Submit a list of alternative titles your child may check out instead.



Browse the catalog 24/7

The online catalog is publicly available anytime.



Visit the library

Ask the principal to arrange a visit that doesn't disrupt instruction.



Share feedback

Campuses invite input on library materials and services for families and the community.



Stay informed

Each campus communicates library policies, access, and feedback opportunities



Content Standards

Keeping shelves appropriate. In line with Texas law, library materials may not include “harmful material,” indecent or profane content, or material that is pervasively vulgar or educationally unsuitable – including links or QR codes to prohibited content. Libraries also comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA).



Books are never removed solely for the ideas they express or the background of the author or characters.

Have a Concern? Here’s Your Next Steps

Any District employee, parent, or guardian of a Dallas ISD student, or District resident may challenge a library material. Access to the material is restricted while it's under review.



Talk It Through

Start informally – the campus librarian or administrator explains the selection and offers your child an alternative title.



File the Form

Submit the Library Materials Challenge Form (on the District website) to Library Media Services or the principal.



Level 1 – Committee

A committee – which may include the principal, librarian, teachers & parents – reads the entire book and issues a written report.



Level 2 – Appeal

NEW: appeal to the District’s Library Materials Committee, which decides within legal timelines.



Level 3 – Board

A final appeal goes to the Board of Trustees for a decision.



2 Year Rule

If the Board keeps a book, it can’t be challenged again for 2 years.



Classroom Libraries Too

If a book is removed, teachers remove classroom copies at that grade level.



Reviewed in Full

Committee members read every challenged book in its entirety.