

Texas Library Legislation Compliance Checklist

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

