PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

OBJECTION TO INSTRUCTIONAL AND/OR MEDIA MATERIAL

Part I:

If a resident of the county or a parent objects to the use of the material with children besides their own child, the complainant must file the objections in writing on this form and submit the entire form to the Instructional Materials Department, which will begin the challenge process. The challenge process will not begin until the form is completed in its entirety. The objection and material will be reviewed by the Instructional Materials Review Committee, which is appointed by the superintendent. This committee is chaired by a trained district administrator, who serves as non-voting chairperson/facilitator; and is composed of the executive director of education for the school, or their designee; two (2) instructional staff members; a district content specialist or coordinator for library media; and three (3) parents of students who will have access to the material.

The material in question will remain in use until the Instructional Materials Review Committee recommends a final decision, unless otherwise required by law.

The Instructional Materials Review Committee meeting will be noticed and open to the public. The public, the complainant, and respective subject area instructional staff will have opportunities to speak to the objection as part of the public meeting.

The committee will weigh values and faults against each other and form opinions based on the material as a whole and not passages pulled out of context. The committee will prepare a report of its findings for the superintendent and complainant.

The decision of the Instructional Materials Review Committee represents the final School Board action and applies districtwide. Appeals may be taken at the state level in accordance with law.

Please submit the completed form by mail or email to:
Pinellas County Schools – Walter Pownall Service Center
Attn: Instructional Materials – Program Coordinator
11111 Belcher Rd. S
Largo, FL 33773

InstructionalMaterials@pcsb.org

Part II:
Introduction

This form must be used by a parent or resident of this county, in conjunction with district policies and procedures, to submit an objection to the school board for the following material:

1. Materials used in a classroom in the district, except for instructional materials as defined in s. 1006.29(2), F.S. The process and forms to object to instructional materials can be found at https://www.pcsb.org/Page/37650.

2. Materials made available to students in a school or classroom library.

3. Materials included on a school or classroom reading list.

4. Instructional Materials adopted and made available to students without the opportunity for public notice, review and hearing procedures by districts that implement their own instructional materials program under s. 1006.283, F.S.

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Section 1: Parent or Resident Information

1. I am a parent or guardian of a district or homeschool student who has access to school district materials described in Part II of this form.
   ❑ Yes ❑ No (If yes, skip question 2)

2. ❑ I am a resident of this county and

   ❑ I have not submitted an objection to any other materials described in Part II of this form during this calendar month. (Both boxes under question 2 must be checked to submit an objection as a resident.)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ Email _____

Phone Number _____

Section 2: Information Regarding Material

Type of material: ❑ Book ❑ Non-print material ❑ Other (identify): _____

Title of the material: _____

Author(s): _____ Publisher or Producer: _____

Copyright Date: _____ Grade Level used: _____

Where is the material found: ❑ Media Center ❑ Classroom Library ❑ Reading List ❑ Other: _____

School(s) where material is found: _____

ISBN, if available: _____

Section 3: Basis for the Objection

Identify the basis for your objection:

❑ The material is pornographic.

❑ The material is prohibited under Section 847.012, F.S.

❑ The material depicts or describes sexual conduct as defined in Section 847.001(19), F.S.

❑ The material is not suited to student needs and their ability to comprehend the material.

❑ The material is inappropriate for the grade level and age group for which it is used.

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Section 4: Objection Specific Information

1. What brought this material to your attention?

2. Did you examine this material in its entirety? ❑ Yes ❑ No

   If not, what sections did you examine? _____

3. Identify the portion of the material objected to and why. (*You must be specific and provide page numbers, sections, or timestamps, as appropriate. You may attach additional information that does not fit within this form*.)

4. Is there any age or grade you would recommend this material? ❑ Yes ❑ No

   If yes, please specify: _____

5. Is there any value in this material?

_____

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6. What is your desired outcome for this material?

❑ Remove or discontinue use of material.

❑ Limit access to certain grade levels: _____

❑ Limit my child's access.

❑ Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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