

NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Specific Material Objection Form

Part I: Steps for filing a formal objection to non-state adopted instructional or media (library) materials.

1. The Specific Material Objection Form per title must be filed with the Assistant Superintendent. The petitioner must identify the priority order in which the books/materials should be reviewed.
2. Any material challenged on the basis that it contains content that is pornographic or prohibited under F.S. 847.012 or depicts or describes sexual conduct as defined in F.S. 847.001(19), unless such material is for a course required by F.S. 1003.46, 1003.42(2)(n)1.g., or F.S. 1003.42(2)(n)3., or identified by State Board of Education rule shall be removed from circulation until the objection is resolved.
3. All other challenged material will remain in circulation during the review process, unless removal is deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.
4. The Superintendent shall appoint a District Review Committee. The committee shall be comprised of five or more members to include district administrator(s), school-level administrator(s), teacher(s) and/or media specialist(s), and parent(s).
5. The District Review Committee shall meet in the sunshine (meaning the meeting will be open to the public and advertised at the district level).
6. The committee, in evaluating the material questioned, shall be guided by F.S. 1006.28 and 1006.40.
7. The committee's determination shall be reported to the Superintendent in writing. The Superintendent or designee will advise the petitioner, in writing, of the committee's determination.
8. If the petitioner is dissatisfied with the Committee's decision, a written appeal may be filed with the Superintendent. Failure of the petitioner to file a written appeal within 30 days of the Committee's decision will result in a conclusion of the reconsideration process and the decision of the Committee shall be final. The Superintendent shall, within 30 days of receipt of the appeal, send the petitioner a written decision. An appeal to the School Board of the Superintendent's decision must be filed within 10 days after the Superintendent's decision.
9. The School Board shall consider the decision of the District Review Committee and the Superintendent and any other appropriate documentation in making a decision regarding the appropriateness of the material and whether it should remain available in schools or be discontinued.
10. If the petitioner is a parent of a student in the district, and disagrees with the School Board's decision regarding removal, the parent may ask the Commissioner to appoint a special magistrate who will review the Board's decision and make a recommended finding to the State Board of Education.

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.
2. Materials made available to students in a school or classroom library.
3. Materials included on a school or classroom reading list.

Section 1: Parent or Resident Information

Check the box that applies to you. Check all that apply.

- Parent/guardian of a student Resident of this county

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.

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?

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: _____