

# **NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Specific Material Objection Form**

### **Part I: Steps for filing a formal objection to a state adopted instructional material.**

The following procedures shall apply to all objections to instructional materials adopted by the School Board:

1. The parent or a resident of the County, as defined by Florida Statutes, may contest the district school board's adoption of a specific instructional material by filing a written objection using the form that is available on the District website.
2. The form must be signed by the parent or resident of the county, include the required contact information, and state the objection to the instructional material based on the criteria stated in Florida Statutes s. 1006.31(2) or 1006.40(3)(d).
3. The written objection must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days of the adoption of the material. A complainant who does not complete and return the form within the required time shall receive no consideration. The statement shall include the following information: a. Author, compiler, or editor; b. Publisher; c. Title; d. Reason for objection; e. Page number of each item challenged; and f. Signature, address and telephone number of person making the complaint.
4. Within thirty (30) days after the initial thirty-day period has expired, the School Board shall conduct at least one public hearing before an unbiased and qualified hearing officer on all petitions timely received during the thirty-day time period. The petitioner(s) shall be notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. The hearing must provide sufficient procedural protections to allow each petitioner an adequate and fair opportunity to be heard and present evidence to the hearing officer.
5. The contested material shall be made available to the public online at least seven (7) days before the hearing.
6. The decision of the School Board, after convening a hearing, shall be final and not subject to further review or petition.

**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. State-approved instructional materials adopted by the School Board based on the criteria stated in Florida Statutes s. 1006.31(2) or 1006.40(3)(d).

**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:  Classroom  Digital  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: \_\_\_\_\_