

Library and Classroom Book Challenge Process

Lorenzo ISD values parent partnership and transparency in our school libraries and classrooms. If you have concerns about a specific library or classroom book, the following steps outline the process for review.

Who May Submit a Challenge

- A parent or guardian of a currently enrolled student
- A Lorenzo ISD employee
- A resident of the district

Step 1: Complete the Official Challenge Form

You must complete the Lorenzo ISD Library Materials or Classroom Materials Challenge Form. The form requires:

- Title of the book
- Author
- ISBN, if known
- A written explanation of how the material violates Texas State Library and Archives Commission standards

The form is available:

- On the district website
- At the Superintendent's Office
- By contacting the district

Step 2: Submit the Form

Submit the completed form by:

- Email
- Mail
- In person at the Superintendent's Office

Step 3: Review Process Begins

Within five school days of receiving the form, the Superintendent will:

- Acknowledge receipt in writing
- Temporarily suspend student access to the challenged material
- Initiate a formal review

Step 4: Board Review and Final Decision

The Board of Trustees serves as the review committee and will:

- Review the material in its entirety
- Evaluate it according to state law, district policy, and library standards
- Consider educational suitability, age appropriateness, and community values
- Take final action at a regularly scheduled open meeting



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Appeals

If you disagree with the outcome, you may appeal to the Board of Trustees. The Board will consider the appeal at the next open meeting after it is filed.

Important Information

- Books cannot be removed solely because of ideas expressed or the author's background
- Obscene or harmful material, as defined by Texas law, is not permitted
- If a book is reviewed and retained, it may not be reconsidered again for two calendar years

Questions may be directed to the Superintendent's Office at 806-634-5591.