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YOUR SLAC'S DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Operational Overview of SLAC Functions

SCHOOL LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL AUTHORITY

A school district MUST consider SLAC members' recommendations before:

- Adding new library materials to catalogs
- Removing materials following challenges
- Changing library-related policies or guidelines

SLAC duties include recommending:

- Policies for acquiring library materials consistent with state standards
- Appropriateness of proposed materials for specific grade levels
- Collaboration strategies with public libraries
- Removal of materials that violate state standards
- Challenge processing procedures
- Response actions to material challenges

MATERIAL REVIEW STANDARDS

SLAC Members Must Consider:

- Texas Education Code library standards
- Local community values
- Age appropriateness for grade levels
- Educational value and relevance

Prohibited Materials Under SB 13:

- "Obscene" or "Harmful" material (as defined by Penal Code)
- Pervasively vulgar or educationally unsuitable material
- Material with indecent or profane content
- Material linking to prohibited online content

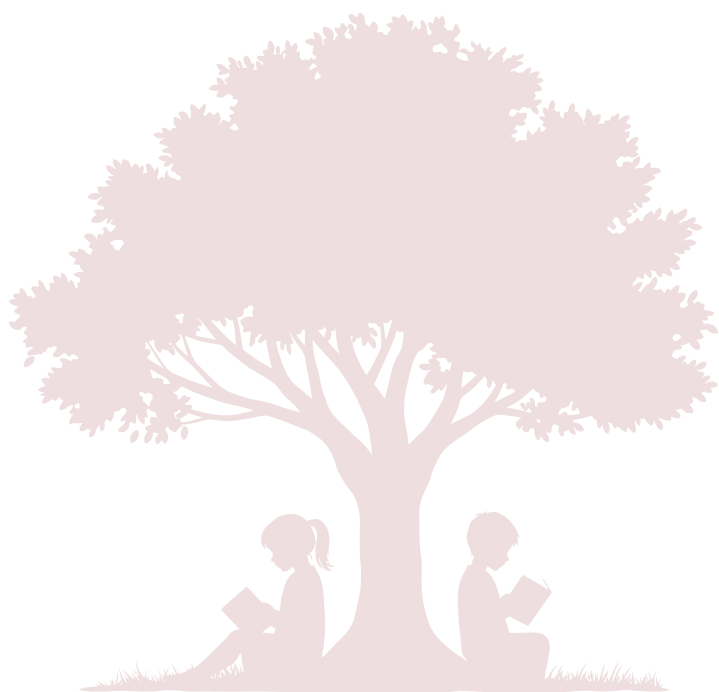
LIMITATIONS ON SLAC POWER

What SLAC Cannot Do:

- Make final decisions (board retains final authority)
- Remove materials without board approval
- Violate First Amendment protections
- Remove materials based solely on author background or ideas contained
- Ignore established state standards

What SLAC Can Do:

- Make strong recommendations with detailed justifications
- Review all proposed new materials
- Establish review criteria and processes
- Hold public meetings
- Create transparent evaluation procedures



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