

Please sign and return by Aug 22, 2025

Dear Nixon-Smiley Parents,

Per Texas Education Code §33.023, this form allows parents or legal guardians to identify library materials that their child may not check out or access outside of the school library. This form does not relate to curricular materials in the classroom - only self-chosen materials.

The fiction books at the NSCISD Secondary Library are arranged by Genre to include Fantasy, Romance, Horror, Realistic Fiction, Science Fiction, Historical Fiction, Adventure, Westerns, Mystery, Sports, Manga, and Graphic Novels. These books are additionally being divided into the following categories: Middle School (MS), Middle School Young Adult (MSYA), High School Young Adult (HSYA), High School New Adult (HSNA,) and High School Adult (HSA).

Books marked MS will be grade and age-level appropriate reading for grades 5-8+

Books marked with MSYA will be grade-level appropriate reading for grades 5-8+, but these could contain topics that are not age-appropriate for 5th and 6th graders without parental permission and will be reserved for 7th and 8th graders. An example could be *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins which contains violence against children committed by children and which can be considered more appropriate for 7th and 8th grade students by some parents.

Books marked with HSYA will be grade and age-level appropriate for grades 9-12+

Books marked with HSNA will be grade-level appropriate for grades 9-12+ but the target audience is 18-25 years of age, and therefore adult. As such, students can only check these books out with parental permission. Sometimes characters in these books engage in intimate relationships. An example of this would be *A Court of Thorns and Roses* by Sarah J. Maas.

Books marked with HSA will be grade-level appropriate for grades 9-12+, but the target audience is adult readers aged 18 and up. An example would be *The Stand* by Stephen King. There may or may not be objectionable material and/or language in these books, but since they are not specifically written for a student aged audience, they require parental permission to be checked out while the student is under age 18.

NOTE: At this time, the books in the library **are not all marked** as to grade level and type. This is a project that has begun this summer and will take some time. Only fiction novels will receive this "rating" system. Every effort will be made to make sure that students only check out books that are in the appropriate age range. If you see something that you feel is incorrectly marked or should be marked for a different level, please contact the Secondary Librarian, Lauren Lankford: lauren.lankford@nixonsmiley.net. As soon as possible, when students check out books, you will begin to receive an email with the title and author of the book so that you can see what books your children are reading and have conversations with them about their reading. Please encourage your students to read for fun - it's the best thing you can do to improve their education!

Please sign and return the permission form that gives you, the parent, the ability to choose what your student can and cannot have access to in the secondary school library.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY:

Student Name: _____ Grade Level (CIRCLE) 5 6 7 8

School ID _____ Student's English teacher _____

All middle school students will be allowed to check out books marked with MS. If you would like your student to be able to access any additional material, please check the boxes below.

Please check ALL that apply: My student CAN check out the following book types:

- ☐ 5th - 8th grade books (MSYA)
- ☐ 9th - 12th grade books (HSYA)
- ☐ 9th - 12th grade (ages 18-25) New Adult (HSNA)
- ☐ 9-12th Adult (ages 18+) (HSA)

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Name: (print) _____

Parent Email: _____

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY:

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

School ID _____ Student's English teacher _____

All high school students will be allowed to check out books marked with HSYA (young adult). All students age 18 and over will have access to all library materials. Students will gain access to all library materials on their 18th birthdays. If you would like your student under age 18 to be able to access any additional material, please check the boxes below.

Please check all that apply: My student under age 18 CAN check out the following book types:

- ☐ 9-12th grade (ages 18-25) New Adult (HSNA)
- ☐ 9-12th grade Adult (ages 18+) Adult (HSA)

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Name: (print) _____

Parent Email: _____