



# SB 13: Updates and Information

**What is SB 13?** Senate Bill 13 is a law that empowers parents and guardians with more control over the library materials available to their children in public schools. The bill reinforces parental rights, increases transparency in school library catalogs, and establishes a process for community input on library material selection.

## Key Provisions of SB 13:

- **Parental Access to Records:** Parents are entitled to access a record of every library material their child checks out or otherwise uses.
- **Restricting Access:** The law requires school districts to create a process that allows a parent or guardian to submit a list of library materials their child is not allowed to check out. The school must then ensure the student cannot access these titles.
- **Transparent Library Catalogs:** School districts must provide parents and the public with access to their school library catalogs, which must include all materials in school and classroom libraries, as well as online catalogs and mobile applications.
- **Advisory Councils:** The bill allows for the creation of local School Library Advisory Councils (SLACs), primarily composed of parents, to provide recommendations on library material standards, acquisition, and challenges.
- **Challenged Materials:** If a library material is challenged, students may be temporarily unable to access it until a final decision is made by the school board.

## Recommended Links for More Information:

- **Official Bill Text:** For the full, official text of the bill, you can refer to the Texas Legislature Online: [Texas SB 13 Bill Text](#)
- **Texas Education Agency (TEA):** The TEA is responsible for providing guidance on implementing state laws. You should check the TEA website for official policies and resources related to SB 13 as they become available.
- **Texas Association of School Boards (TASB):** TASB provides resources and model policies to help school districts comply with new legislation. Their website may offer helpful explanations and updates: [TASB News on SB 13](#).
- **Texas Library Association (TLA):** The TLA provides an overview of the law and its implementation from a librarian's perspective: [TLA SB 13 Implementation](#)