SELECTION, AVAILABILITY, AND ACCESS OF SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM LIBRARY MATERIALS

Background

Within Wolf Creek Public Schools we acknowledge and emphasize our responsibility to provide students with a welcoming, caring, safe, and respectful environment that respects diversity and nurtures a sense of belonging and positive sense of self. Student access to school and classroom library materials needs to be considered such that both inclusivity and developmental appropriateness are carefully considered.

The following requirements are In accordance with the Government of Alberta standards for the selection, availability and access of school and classroom library materials. This includes any material (electronic or hard copy) made available within schools to students, including material housed either in school library or classroom settings. This also includes any material students may access, whether it is personal property or the property of the school division. This does not include learning and teaching resources. Ministerial Order #034/2025

Procedures

- Schools must ensure that school literary materials containing any explicit visual depiction
 of a sexual act are not accessible or available to children or students in a school, and
 must ensure that no such school literary materials are selected for inclusion in a school
 library, unless such materials are for information or reference, such as technical
 materials, dictionaries or encyclopedias, that are not narrative in nature.
- Schools must regularly review school literary materials to ensure the school complies with these Standards. Schools must establish and maintain a publicly available listing of all school literary materials other than those contained in a classroom collection.
- Schools must ensure that the parents of the children or students who have access to a classroom collection are informed of the school literary materials contained specifically in the classroom collection.
- 4. The School Division must, on request by the Minister, provide to the Minister any information and reports on school literary materials.
- 5. Students, school employees, parents, school council members, or community members with a direct connection to the school may request a review to change the access/availability of specific school/classroom library materials. A written request using

<u>Form 207 - Request Review of Library Material</u> must be submitted to the school Principal.

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Reference: Education Act, Section 18(2)(b)

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