

PUBLIC NOTICE
Library Materials Challenge Committee Meeting

White Oak Independent School District will hold a meeting of the Library Materials Challenge Committee in accordance with District policy EFB(LOCAL) and applicable provisions of the Texas Education Code

Date: March 2, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: White Oak ISD Board Room

Purpose of the Meeting

The Library Materials Challenge Committee will meet to review the following challenged library material in accordance with District policy and state law:

- "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky

The committee will evaluate the challenged material and prepare a written report of its findings in accordance with District policy and applicable law.

For additional information regarding the library materials challenge process, please refer to Board Policy EFB(LOCAL).

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Consider and discuss challenged library material:
 "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky
3. Complete Library Challenge Report of Findings, including recommendations on retention/restriction/removal

PUBLIC NOTICE
Library Materials Challenge Committee Meeting

In accordance with district policy, notice is hereby given that the Library Materials Challenge Committee will hold a public meeting on the following date and time:

Date: January 6

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: White Oak ISD Board Room

The purpose of this meeting is for the committee to review and discuss a formal challenge to library materials currently available within the district. The committee will follow established district procedures in conducting this review.

This meeting is open to the public. Public participation will be conducted in accordance with district guidelines.

For additional information, please contact Skylar Stagner, WOHS Principal. stagnerds@woisd.net

This notice is posted in compliance with applicable laws and district policies.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Consider and discuss challenged library material:
 "Heartstopper" Series Vol 1-5. By Alice Oseman
3. Complete Library Challenge Report of Findings, including recommendations on retention/restriction/removal



White Oak ISD
Library Materials Formal Challenge Rubric and
REPORT OF FINDINGS

Library Materials Challenge Filing Date: 10/8/2025 Decision Date: 1/6/26

Library Material to be Reviewed: Heartstopper Volume 1-5

Type of Resource: ☒ Book ☐ Periodical ☐ Other: _____

Author: Alice Oseman Copyright Date: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023

Committee Assignment Date: 10/16/2025

Committee Composition [mark as applicable and identify names]:

Required: ☒ Librarian: Lara Davis
☒ Instructional Staff Member (must be familiar with the challenged material's content):

Debbi Deck

Optional: ☐ District-Level Staff: _____

☐ Secondary-Level Student(s): _____

☒ Parent(s)/Guardian(s): John Carr, Amber Richardson, Heather Rejcek

☐ Any other appropriate individual(s): _____

Applicable Board Policy, EFB (LOCAL): All members of the committee shall review the challenged resource in its entirety. As soon as reasonably possible, the committee shall meet and **determine whether the challenged material confirms to Board Policy EFB and whether the material will continue to be available in the library.** The committee shall prepare a written report of its findings and provide copies to the Superintendent, the school librarian, the individual submitting the challenge, and any other appropriate staff.

The committee must make written findings of fact to support its recommendation, with an explanation of the basis of each finding, for each criteria of relevance to a board's actions on the recommendation, below. A material shall not be removed based solely on the ideas contained in the material or the personal background of the author of the material or the characters in the material.

Definitions

- Harmful Material – Material whose dominant theme taken as a whole: (A) appeals to the prurient interest of a minor, in sex, nudity, or excretion; (B) is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for minors; and (C) is utterly without redeeming social value for minors. Texas Penal Code § 43.24
- Pervasively Vulgar – As referenced in the United States Supreme Court's plurality opinion in *Board of Education v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 853 (1982) and further clarified by Texas Commissioner Decision *Parent v. Lovejoy*, No. 073-R10-08-2024 (April 29, 2025), requires a finding of fact that vulgarity is present and referenced throughout the material. Since "pervasive" means existing in or spreading through every part of something, to determine if a material is "pervasively vulgar", one would need to review the entirety of the material.
- Educationally Unsuitable - as referenced in the United States Supreme Court's plurality opinion in *Board of Education v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 853 (1982) and further clarified by Texas Commissioner Decision *Parent v. Lovejoy*, No. 073-R10-08-2024 (April 29, 2025), is a very broad term, and many factors could make a book

educationally unsuitable. A book could be determined unsuitable for some pedagogical reason, because it encourages harmful behaviors, or because of innumerable other factors. It could be determined due to specific sections of content, or holistically. Conversely, there are well recognized and respected works of literature that have been taught in public schools for generations that include portions of content that some find objectionable but that contain significant educational value when taken as a whole, and that may be deemed educationally suitable. Given the numerous factors that could be used, a finding of fact must include reasoning for a book being unsuitable or suitable.

- Indecent Content - Content that portrays sexual or excretory organs or activities in a way that is patently offensive. Texas Education Code § 33.020(2)
- Profane Content - Content that includes grossly offensive language that is considered a public nuisance. Texas Education Code § 33.020(4)

Required Considerations

1. Is the material "harmful material"? ~~harmful material~~

Yes, by a consensus the committee found the material to be harmful material with one member saying it was not.

2. Is the material "pervasively vulgar"?

Yes, by a consensus the committee found the material to be pervasively vulgar with one member saying it was not.

3. Is the material "educationally unsuitable"?

Yes, the consensus of the committee found the material to be "educationally unsuitable" with one member saying that it was not "educationally unsuitable."

4. Does the material contain "indecent content" or "profane content"?

Yes, the consensus of the committee found the material to be indecent and profane with one member saying that it was not.

5. Does the material refer a person to an internet website containing content prohibited by Board Policy or Texas Education Code Chapter 33?

No, the committee said it did not.

Additional Comments/Notes:

3 to 2 for keeping them together

Library Materials Challenge Recommendation (based on majority decision):

- ☒ Remove from WOISD libraries Continue use in WOISD libraries
☐ Relocate and/or restrict to: ☐ Elementary ☐ Junior High ☐ High School ☐ ____ + Age range

Review Committee:

Name	Position	Signature	Decision
Lori Davis	Librarian	Lori Davis	☒ Retain ☐ Relocate/Restrict ☐ Remove
Debby Deck	Instructional Staff	Debby Deck	☐ Retain ☐ Relocate/Restrict ☒ Remove
Jon Carr	Parent	Jon Carr	☐ Retain ☐ Relocate/Restrict ☒ Remove
Heather Rejcek	Parent	Heather Rejcek	☐ Retain ☐ Relocate/Restrict ☒ Remove
Amber Richardson	Parent	Amber Richardson	☐ Retain ☐ Relocate/Restrict ☒ Remove

Library Materials Challenge Committee Meeting

Call to Order / Attendance

The Library Materials Challenge Committee meeting was called to order at **7:00 pm** on January 6th by Skylar Stagner.

Committee members present:

- Lori Davis, Debby Deck
- Jon Carr, Heather Rejcek, Amber Richardson

Committee members absent:

- None

A quorum ☒ **was** ☐ was not present.

Consideration of Challenged Library Material

The committee convened to consider and discuss the challenged library material:

Title: Heartstopper Series Volume 1-5

Author: Alice Oseman

The committee reviewed all required documentation, including the formal challenge request, the library material in its entirety, and any relevant district policies, TEA guidance, and statutory requirements.

Committee discussion focused on:

- Alignment of the material with the **Texas Education Code and TEA rules**
- Age appropriateness and suitability for the intended grade level
- Educational value and relevance to the school library collection
- Community standards and instructional purpose
- Compliance with district library selection and reconsideration procedures

Report of Findings and Recommendation

Following discussion and review, the committee completed the **Library Challenge Report of Findings**.

Based on the committee's review, the recommendation is as follows (check one):

- ☐ **Retain** the material without restriction
- ☐ **Retain with restrictions** (specify restrictions):

☒ **Remove** the material from the library collection

The committee's recommendation is based on the collective evaluation of the material and its alignment with applicable laws, policies, and educational standards.

- Jon Carr - Yea
- Lori Davis - Nay
- Debby Deck - Yea
- Heather Rejcek - Yea
- Amber Richardson - Yea

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **7:34 pm**.

Committee Chair Signature: _____

Date: 1/16/20

