



Objections to Reading Materials Procedures

Oakland Avenue Charter School (OACS) recognizes the importance of parental involvement in a child's education. OACS offers a parent opt-out process, allowing parents to restrict their student's access to specific materials in school or classroom libraries. Parents wishing to utilize this option should contact Principal Dwyer to limit their child's access to specific materials.

Additionally, at OACS, a parent or legal guardian of a student may object to the use of specific materials in the classroom, made available in school or classroom libraries, or included on reading lists. This objection process is intended for parents or guardians seeking the removal of these materials from use or access by all students. The following procedures are established to evaluate whether the materials in question meet the criteria set forth in sections 1006.28(2)(a)2.b. and 1006.40(3)(c), Florida Statutes:

1. **Initial Discussion:** A parent or legal guardian should first discuss their concerns regarding classroom materials with their child's teacher and/or Principal Dwyer.
2. **Formal Review Request:** If the concern remains unresolved, the parent or legal guardian may request an official review of the material by completing the Specific Material Objection Form, thereby initiating the formal review process.
3. **Availability of Materials:** Materials under objection will not be immediately removed and will remain available to students pending a final decision. However, if the objection alleges that the material is pornographic, prohibited under s. 847.012, or depicts or describes sexual conduct as defined in 847.001(19), it will be removed within five working days of receiving the objection and remain unavailable to students until the matter is resolved.
4. **Completing the Objection Form:** The form must be completed in full, detailing the basis of the objection, the specific portion of the material in question, and the reasons for the objection.
5. **Review Process:** Upon receiving a completed Specific Material Objection Form, a committee appointed by Principal Dwyer will review the material in question. The committee will:
 - Receive a copy of the completed Specific Material Objection Form, the objected material, and reviews from professionally recognized reviewing periodicals.
 - Aim to review the challenged material within fifteen working days of receiving the Specific Material Objection Form.

- Evaluate the entire objected material, consider its alignment with the curriculum, and weigh its merits against the alleged faults. The evaluation will be based on the material as a whole, except in cases involving pornographic or obscene content.
6. **Committee Determination:** The committee will issue a written determination, stating either:
- The challenged material does not meet selection criteria or contains prohibited content under Sections 1006.28 and 1006.40, Florida Statutes. In this scenario, OACS will discontinue the use of the material for any inappropriate or unsuitable grade level or age group.
- OR*
- The challenged material meets the selection criteria under Sections 1006.28 and 1006.40, Florida Statutes.
7. **Notification of Decision:** Principal Dwyer will communicate the committee's decision in writing to the individual who filed the objection within five working days of the committee's decision.