

6A-7.0714 Library and Instructional Materials Objection Report.

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to provide school districts reporting instructions for materials that were subject to an objection by a parent or resident of a school district so that the Department of Education can publish an annual objection report, identifying materials removed or discontinued as a result of an objection.

(2) Definitions. In this rule, the following definitions apply:

(a) “Instructional materials” means the definition of instructional materials set forth in s. 1006.29(2), F.S.

(b) “Objection” means those objections to materials submitted by a parent or resident of the school district and resolved under a school district’s policy adopted to implement s. 1006.28(2)(a)2., F.S.

(3) School District Objection Reporting. School Districts must report objections using the form entitled Library and Instructional Materials Objection Report, Form No. IM-D, (effective June 2023). The form is incorporated by reference in this rule and may be obtained at <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/instructional-materials/>.

(a) The form must be submitted electronically to <https://districts.flimadoption.org>.

(b) The form is due annually by June 30.

(4) School districts must annually report the following information on the incorporated form:

(a) Whether materials were subject to an objection submitted to the school district between July 1 and June 30.

(b) The type of material subject to an objection based upon two categories: instructional materials and all other materials.

(c) The title, author and, where applicable, the ISBN of the material.

(d) The grade level(s), and course name and number, as set forth in the Course Code Directory incorporated in Rule 6A-1.09441, F.A.C., where use or access to the material was objected to, where applicable.

(e) The basis for the objection based on the following reasons:

1. Pornographic;

2. Prohibited under s. 847.012, F.S.;

3. Not suited to student needs and ability to comprehend the material;

4. Inappropriate for grade level and age group;

5. Fails to meet criteria of s. 1006.31(2), F.S., including a description of the criteria that forms the basis for the objection; or

6. Other, including a description of the criteria that forms the basis for the objection.

(f) School district action on an objection. A school district's action on the objection must be reported using the following description of school district decision on the objection:

1. The material was removed, discontinued or access limited. Include grade level and course name and number, or other area where material was removed, discontinued or access limited, if applicable;

2. The material was not removed, discontinued or access limited; or

3. Pending, where the objection is not resolved by June 30. Any pending objection must be reported the following year when the objection is resolved by a school district.

(g) The rationale for removing, discontinuing, or limiting access to the material or not taking any of these actions.

(5) Posting List of Removed or Discontinued Materials. Annually, by August 30, the Department will compile a list of materials removed or discontinued and publish the list at <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/instructional-materials/>.

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