

Policy EFB(Exhibit)
Content Guidelines

Theme	Elementary	Intermediate	Middle	High*
Profanity	N	M	S	C
Kissing	N	S	S	C
Horror	N	M	S	C
Violence	M	S	S	C
Bullying	M	S	S	C
Drug or alcohol use by minors	N	N	S	C
Tobacco use by minors	N	S	S	C
Drug or alcohol use by adults	M	S	S	C
Glorification of suicide, self-harm, or mental illness	N	N	S	S
Brief description of non-sexual nudity	N	M	S	C
Sexually explicit conduct or descriptions of sexual abuse	N	N	N	N
Illustrations or description of nude intimate body parts	N	N	N	N
Passionate and/or extended kissing	N	N	M	P
Sex scenes or sexual activities	N	N	N	M

N = None

M = Minimal (infrequent) - the content rarely appears throughout the volume.

S = Some - the content occasionally appears throughout the volume.

C = Common - the content appears throughout the volume but is not a main theme of the volume.

P = Prevalent - the content is frequent enough to be a main theme of the volume.

Parents of students always have the authority to limit their own student's access to any and all materials in a library.

* Books recommended by College Board, universities, or TXVSN are separate and apart from general library materials available to all students and are selected independently.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Content Guideline System, the following terms and definitions shall be used to interpret the content guidelines:

Profanity - Profane/obscene language that cannot be said on broadcast television or that would not be age-appropriate in a professional setting or for an educator to use in front of a classroom.

Intimate parts - The prurient description of naked genitals, pubic area, anus, buttocks, or female nipple of a person. Any material that is part of the approved curriculum is excluded from this definition.

Sexually explicit conduct – Descriptions of sexual activity, including sexual intercourse, genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex; bestiality; masturbation; sadistic or masochistic abuse; or lascivious exhibition of the anus, genitals, or pubic area of any person.

Violence - Behavior involving physical force intended to hurt, abuse, damage, or kill someone or something to include glorification of use of weapons.

Horror – Descriptions of behavior arousing feelings of extreme fear, shock, or disgust.

Sexual abuse – Descriptions of rape, incest, molestation, and/or any sexual abuse of a minor or adult.

Kissing - platonic or familial kissing that does not include romantic or sexual kissing or oral physical contact that is intended to satisfy the romantic or sexual desire of any reasonable person based on prevailing community values.

Bullying – descriptions of behavior that seeks to harm, intimidate, or coerce another, especially someone perceived as vulnerable.

Non-sexual nudity – description or depiction of the human body for anatomical, scientific, or biological purposes to satisfy an educational need. This term specifically excludes any description or depiction of the human body intended to satisfy sexual desire of any reasonable person based on prevailing community values.