

CLAY COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS

# Library Book Challenge & Appeals Process

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August 2024





# Parental Response to Library Access Levels



## Recap: Library Access Levels

- Parental rights
- Parents choose the level of library access that best suits their child
  - General Access
  - Unlimited Access
  - Limited Access
  - No Access
  - Daily Emails
- Access level chosen by parent upon first login of Synergy for the 2024-2025 school year
- Access levels can be changed by the parent during the year



## Library Access Data as of **August 8th**

**Total: 22,379**

Grade Band	Total	General Access	Unlimited Access	Limited Access	No Access
K-6	12,073	6,670 (55%)	4,980 (41%)	364 (.03%)	59 (.004%)
7-8	3,358	1,442 (42%)	1,852 (55%)	58 (.01%)	6 (.001%)
9-12	6,948	2,339 (33%)	4,512 (65%)	77 (.01%)	20 (.002%)



## Library Access Data as of **August 26th**

**Total Responses: 27,818**

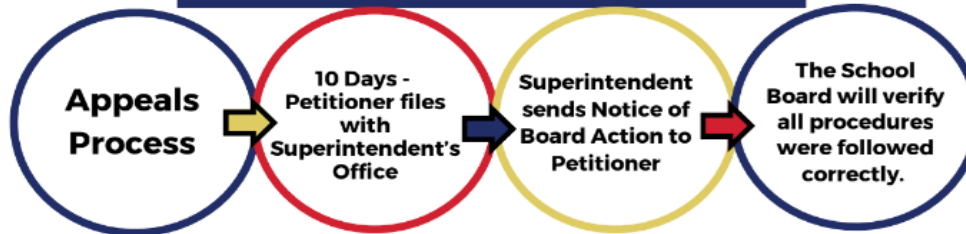
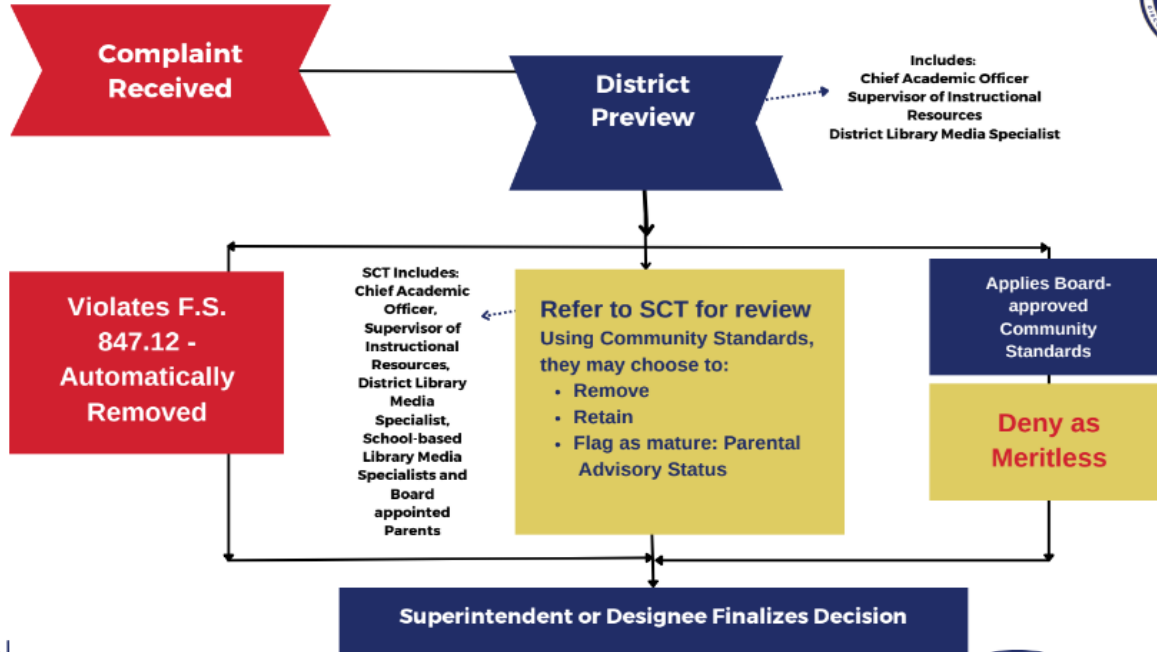
Grade Band	Total	General Access	Unlimited Access	Limited Access	No Access
K-6	15,159	8,380 (55%)	6,213 (41%)	485 (.03%)	81 (.005%)
7-8	4,013	1,744 (43%)	2,197 (55%)	64 (.02 %)	8 (.002%)
9-12	8,646	3,025 (35%)	5,503 (64%)	97 (.01%)	21 (.002)

- 99% of parents of HS students (where all flagged books exist) have chosen general; (35%) or unlimited (64%) access



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# Library Book Challenge Process



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# The Challenge Process

**Step 1:** The district team pre-screens the request looking at the evidence provided by the petitioner.

**Step 2:** Compares the evidence to

- Florida Statute
- Board Approved Community Standards

**Step 3:** Recommendations

- Reject
- Remove
- Retain
- Flag as Parental Advisor Status (high school only)
- Refer to Committee

**Step 4:** Notify Petitioner





# The Appeals Process

- The Petitioner may appeal decision
- Appeal is submitted to the board
- The vote is not a School Board endorsement of the content or subject matter, but a vote to state that the law and policy have been followed
- All decisions of the School Board are final



## Appeals Summary

Type of Review Outcome	Total
No violation of Florida Statutes, Remain in Collection	118
No violation of Florida Statutes, Remain in Collection for ALL K-12	1
No violation of Florida Statutes, Remain in Collection; Keep HS Only	187
No violation of Florida Statutes, Remain in Collection; Keep HS Only - PARENTAL ADVISORY STATUS	89
No violation of Florida Statutes, Remain in Collection; Keep: JH & HS Only	99
Remove from All Libraries	2
<b>Total Number of Appeals</b>	<b>495</b>



## Note on the committee process:

- Our 3-person team allows for calibrated, nuanced applications of law and policy between professionals who deeply understand the work
- Protects the district, School Board members, principals and media specialists through consistent rulings
- Avoids lawsuits
- Streamlines a quick & efficient process
- Keeps costs at zero
- Helped w/the review of appeals this summer (newly adopted community standards were retroactively applied to older challenges)