# **Charter School**

## Library Collection Development Policy (HB 900 Compliance)

District: Sam Houston State University Charter School District

Effective Date: January 3, 2024

### **Purpose**

To ensure compliance with Texas Education Code §33.021 and the mandatory collection development standards adopted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) under HB 900.

## Scope

This policy applies to all library materials available for use or display, including school libraries, classroom libraries, and online catalogs.

#### **Policy Statements**

- 1. 1. Prohibited Materials
- The district shall not acquire, possess, or make available:
  - Harmful material as defined by Texas Penal Code §43.24.
  - Library material rated as "sexually explicit" by a vendor.
  - Material deemed pervasively vulgar or educationally unsuitable.
- 2. 2. Selection and Acquisition
- - Managed by a certified school librarian or trained library staff.
  - Materials must support curriculum and educational goals.
- 3. 3. Parental Rights and Transparency
- - Parents are the primary decision-makers regarding their student's access.
  - The district shall maintain an online catalog of library holdings.
  - Parents may request reconsideration of any material.
- 4. 4. Reconsideration Process
- - Any parent, guardian, or employee may submit a written request for review.
  - A review committee will evaluate the material based on educational suitability and compliance with law.
- 5. 5. Compliance with HB 900
- The district will review any vendor-rated "sexually relevant" materials and post required reports by January 1 of each odd-numbered year.
  - Materials rated "sexually explicit" will not be purchased or retained.