

## **School Library Material Removal Request**

The school libraries housed within MSD of Wayne Township support and enrich the curriculum, students' personal interests, and learning. Despite the careful selection of materials and the qualification of those involved in the selection process, objections to school library materials may occur.

A parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the District or a community member who resides within the geographic boundaries of the District ("Requester") may submit a request to remove material from a school library on the grounds that the material is obscene or harmful to minors as those terms are defined by the Indiana criminal code:

### **35-49-2-1 Obscene matter or performance**

A matter or performance is obscene for purposes of this article if:

- (1) the average person, applying contemporary community standards, finds that the dominant theme of the matter or performance, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest in sex;
- (2) the matter or performance depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct; and
- (3) the matter or performance, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

### **35-49-2-2 Matter or performance harmful to minors**

A matter or performance is harmful to minors for purposes of this article if:

- (1) it describes or represents, in any form, nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sado-masochistic abuse;
- (2) considered as a whole, it appeals to the prurient interest in sex of minors;
- (3) it is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable matter for or performance before minors; and
- (4) considered as a whole, it lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop an administrative guideline to implement this policy.

#### References:

IC 20-26-5.5 *et seq.*

IC 35-49-2-1 – Definition of "obscene"

IC 35-49-2-2 – Definition of "harmful to minors"

MSD of Wayne Township

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