

PARENT'S GUIDE TO  
**150+ EXPLICIT  
BOOKS**

**IN RIO RANCHO  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



**HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM  
HARMFUL BOOKS IN RRPS LIBRARIES**

# **Rio Rancho Public Schools Library Books Project**

## **Purpose Statement:**

The purpose of the Rio Rancho Public Schools Library Books Project is to protect children and youth from exposure to sexually explicit, age-inappropriate, and ideologically controversial materials in school libraries. Our objective is not to pursue "book banning" but to ensure that books accessible to minors do not promote behaviors which are extremely harmful to them.

## **Overview:**

Many parents are unaware that some books currently available in Rio Rancho Public Schools contain content involving explicit sexual acts, gender ideology, extreme violence, self-harm, suicide, and horror. This project is committed to highlighting those titles and urging policy changes to keep such materials out of reach of any of the children in the Rio Rancho Schools.

## **By bringing these concerns to light, we aim to:**

- Ensure school libraries do not contain pornographic or age-inappropriate content.
- Uphold the rights of parents to guide their children's moral and sexual development.
- Empower families with the tools to make informed choices about what their children read.
- Protect the district from legal liability by ensuring transparency and parental notification, as affirmed by a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision recognizing parents' rights to be informed about what their children are exposed to in public education.

## **Our Findings:**

This report presents verified information based on data collected in June 2025 from the Rio Rancho Public Schools online library catalog. The findings will be formally presented to the RRPS School Board and then made publicly available to families and concerned citizens.

## **Goals and Expectations:**

1. Immediate Removal of Level 4-5 Books  
All pornographic books, as identified by community standards and content rating, must be removed from all elementary, middle, and high schools within RRPS.
2. Removal of Level 2-3 Books from Elementary and Middle Schools  
Books that include mature themes, sexual content, or graphic depictions of violence must not be available to younger students.
3. Implementation of a Clear Review Policy for Library Materials  
All new books must be evaluated against content guidelines that prioritize age-appropriateness and family values. Books promoting LGBTQ+ topics and other controversial themes should not be included in classroom libraries or curricula without parental notification and consent.
4. Removal of Rainbow Library Materials  
Rainbow Libraries, often focused on gender and sexuality themes, should be removed from all RRPS classrooms.
5. Disassociation from ALA Guidelines  
The district discontinue following American Library Association (ALA) recommendations, as their standards have shown to promote content not suitable for minors.
6. Creation of a Parent-Inclusive Review Panel

Any book challenges should be evaluated by a diverse panel that includes parents of currently enrolled students in the school where the challenge occurs.

#### 7. Parental Notification and Opt-Out Policy

In response to the recent Supreme Court decision, the district should establish a formal policy that:

- Informs parents in advance about books addressing LGBTQ+ themes and other controversial content.
- Provides a simple and accessible opt-out form for parents who do not wish their children to access such materials.

#### Conclusion:

We are committed to working collaboratively with the Rio Rancho Public Schools to uphold community values, protect students from inappropriate content, affirm the fundamental rights of parents. We believe that our schools should be places of academic excellence, not venues for exposing minors to material that undermines their safety, innocence, or family beliefs. We ask for the RRPS School Board's partnership and leadership in taking these responsible and protective steps.

### Books Found in Rio Rancho Public School Libraries

A team of concerned parents and citizens in Rio Rancho researched and found many sexually explicit and age-inappropriate books in the Rio Rancho Public Schools. These books contain:

- **graphic sex scenes** that describe full penetration, sensations, and bodily fluids,
- descriptions of **sex acts between teachers and students**,
- pornographic and **excessively violent imagery**,
- detailed passages of young **children being sexually assaulted**, molested, and raped,
- descriptions of the use of **sex toys** and teens posting nude photos of themselves online,
- **children using hard drugs** and alcohol,
- teens engaging in self-harm, cutting, and **suicidal behaviors**, and much more.

This booklet provides the book titles, authors, and schools in which the age-inappropriate books were found. Book summaries will be provided to the RRPS School Board as evidence of the sexually explicit materials found in the most concerning books. To protect children we will not be providing these book summaries to parents but instead will provide links to websites where they can review books.

This booklet is also a resource for parents on the harmful effects of pornography in children, how to protect children from pornography, the current RRPS Policies regarding Opt-Out, and an Opt-Out Form Link for LGBTQ+ books and materials.

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## Harmful Effects of Exposure to Sexually Explicit Materials on Children

The purposeful coordinated effort to include pornographic materials in K-12 public education has been going on for many years. All parents need to be aware that graphic materials are in the school libraries and used in classrooms. 43 states have passed obscenity exemption laws that eliminate any liability associated with using these graphic materials if they are employed for “educational purposes”, as part of courses of instruction, or if they are in libraries in schools. Distribution of these materials off school grounds would be considered criminal, but exposing children to them during school hours is somehow deemed “educational”. This means that someone who provides obscene or vulgar materials to a child will face fines and jail time for harming the child, EXCEPT when that person is a teacher or a librarian providing those same materials in a public school.

Schools carry books with graphic sexual content, harming children’s brain development and normalizing sexually explicit material. Parents intuitively know that exposing children to age-inappropriate explicit content is harmful. Studies have confirmed this by finding connections between children being exposed to sexually explicit materials with harmful behaviors that impact them into adulthood.

A 17-year-study of children, beginning when the children were in 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade, found that exposure to sexually explicit media, including books and graphic novels, was [associated with three risky sexual behaviors](#): early sexual debut, unsafe sex, and multiple sexual partners, thereby increasing the risk of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. In that study, comic books were found to be the most common sexually explicit media that children had been exposed to, followed by videos. 22.5% of girls and 13.7% of boys had been exposed to sexually explicit novels. This study can be viewed here: Lin, W. H., Liu, C. H., & Yi, C. C. (2020). Exposure to sexually explicit media in early adolescence is related to risky sexual behavior in emerging adulthood. *PloS one*, 15(4), e0230242.

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7147756/>

Other studies have found that children who are exposed to sexually explicit and sexually violent media are more likely to be involved in [dating violence](#) and [sexual violence](#). A study of boys and girls aged from 14 to 19 years old found “*reading pornographic comics and magazines significantly increased the likelihood of having sexually harassed a peer or having forced somebody to have sex.*” This study can be viewed here: Bonino, S., Ciairano, S., Rabaglietti, E., & Cattelino, E. (2006). Use of pornography and self-reported engagement in sexual violence among adolescents. *European Journal of Developmental Psychology*, 3(3), 265–288. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17405620600562359>

A review paper that analyzed 43 studies of adolescents and emerging adults found that children who had been exposed to sexually explicit media and sexually violent media were correlated with being victims or perpetrators of sexual violence. This study can be viewed here: Rodenhizer KAE, Edwards KM. The Impacts of Sexual Media Exposure on Adolescent and Emerging Adults' Dating and Sexual Violence Attitudes and Behaviors: A Critical Review of the Literature. *Trauma Violence Abuse*. 2019;20(4):439-452. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29333966/>

A Rasmussen 2022 poll found that the vast majority of voters agree with removing sexually explicit books from public schools:

- **89% are opposed to sexually explicit books in elementary school libraries**
- **79% are opposed to sexually explicit books in middle school libraries**
- **69% are against books containing explicit depictions of sex acts in high school libraries**

## **Keeping sexually explicit books out of schools isn't "book banning." It's protecting children. It's just common sense.**

Our nation has a history of putting ratings and classifications on everything from video games to movies to protect children. We are asking no less for students in public schools. It is important to note that many books in question in this district constitute pornography. Pornography is most often thought to be pictures or videos of nudity or sexual acts. Additionally, the depiction of those sexual acts in animated content (such as cartoons and video games) and in literature is also pornography. Whether it is a graphic video or an explicit passage in a book, the exposure is toxic to children and youth.

The American Bar Association states that "*Exposure to pornography harms children and youth by normalizing sexual violence, creating unrealistic expectations for intimate partners and relationships, and increasing the risk of addiction.*"

Pornography harms children by disrupting normal childhood development. Research shows that overexposure to pornography during the years between 6 and 12 were at higher risk of developing dysfunctional sexual health attitudes and behaviors. In addition, adult predators use pornography to groom kids for sexual abuse.

Dr. Sharon Cooper of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children explains: "*It's a well-known practice for adults to use porn to groom children for sexual abuse. Perpetrators use porn to normalize that children having sex with adults is normal. They use porn to educate kids on the mechanics of sex, encourage kids to be comfortable enacting these behaviors, sexually excite kids and ultimately to have kids enter into sex with other adults or kids.*"

With all the research and data demonstrating the harmful effects of pornographic materials on children and youth, we are asking for action to be taken to remove all pornographic books from all Rio Rancho Public Schools. In the Supreme Court decision for *Island Trees School District vs. Pico*, guidance and power is given to school officials to remove books based upon whether they meet an agreed upon standard of being "educationally unsuitable" or "pervasively vulgar". Pornographic books found in RRPS libraries meet that standard.

## **U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on LGBTQ+ Books**

On June 27, 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court delivered a decision affirming that parents have a constitutional right to shield their children from LGBTQ+ materials, including books, in public schools when it conflicts with their religious beliefs. In addition to sexually explicit books, books which promote LGBTQ+ were found in the RRPS libraries. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that parents have a right to opt their children out of these books. The RRPS School Board is in need of a policy to ensure parents are adequately informed in advance and given a clear option to opt their children out of all LGBTQ+ materials, books, and instruction presented by school staff. If RRPS is going to allow LGBTQ+ materials and books to be present in their libraries and classrooms, they must implement and enforce a policy to protect parental rights and religious freedom.

## Books Included in This Research

This booklet presents a curated list of books currently available within the Rio Rancho Public School libraries. Our research focused solely on titles accessible to Pre-K through 12th grade students enrolled in RRPS, where 96% of all students in Rio Rancho are educated. All data was gathered using the RRPS online library catalog in June 2025 and is considered accurate and up to date.

The books included within this research are those that fall within the Content Based Rating Levels 2-5. In response to the recent Supreme Court Ruling, the results also include books related to LGBTQ+ themes for the purpose of informing parents so that they can opt their children out of exposure to these books if so desired. Below is a summary of what books were found within RRPS libraries:

- **48 different Level 4-5 books** found across 7 RRPS high school, middle school, and elementary schools. Within these 48 different books there were multiple copies of these books.
- **106 different Level 3 books** were found across 8 RRPS high school, middle school, and elementary schools. Within these 106 books, there were multiple copies of these books.
- **120 different Level 2 books** were found across 17 RRPS high school, middle school, and elementary schools. Within these 120 books, there were multiple copies of these books.
- **45 Additional Concerning Books** were found across 17 high school, middle schools, and elementary schools. In addition, some of these books were found in Shining Stars Preschool. The rating of these books is unknown. These books promote LGBTQ+ views and beliefs.

This list is not intended to be a comprehensive catalog of all age-inappropriate books within RRPS. We recognize additional books may raise concerns; however, the books included here have been selected because they contain content that is particularly troubling. There may be other books which parents would want to shield their children from in RRPS. Please note, it is unclear how many of these books are available in classroom libraries or accessible through school-provided apps and e-book platforms.

Concerns about sexually explicit content in school library books are not unique to RRPS. Many of the same books appear in school libraries across New Mexico and other states. This is largely because libraries often rely on recommended book lists from organizations such as the American Library Association (ALA) and School Library Journal (SLJ). These organizations influence library selections by promoting titles to school librarians, many of whom may not have the time or resources to review every book in detail before adding them to the shelves. Additionally, GLSEN, an education organization devoted entirely to promoting and normalizing radical views of sexual orientation and gender identity to children, has developed the Rainbow Library. This program sends free LGBTQ+ books to K-12 school classrooms for children to have easy access to these books. It is time for RRPS and other districts to critically assess the sources they rely on when curating school library collections. Rather than relying on the ALA and SLJ as the “experts”, districts should take full responsibility for ensuring that all books made available to students are reviewed for age-appropriate content and aligned with community values.

## Questions About This Project & Request for Additional Information

The overall project was organized by the Cultural Impact Team Ministry at Calvary Rio Rancho, in collaboration with the New Mexico Freedoms Alliance. For a shareable electronic version of this booklet, go here: <https://www.nmfa.us/schoolbooks> If you have any questions or want to get involved, please contact the CIT Ministry at [cit@calvaryrr.org](mailto:cit@calvaryrr.org)

## Comprehensive Content Based Rating Scale

Score	Age Guidelines	Description
<b>0</b>	<b>For Everyone</b> Content is appropriate for all ages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mild inexplicit violence</li> <li>• No Hate</li> <li>• No Profanity</li> <li>• No Nudity</li> <li>• No references to sexuality, gender, ideologies, nor sexual activities</li> </ul>
<b>1</b>	<b>Child Guidance</b> Some content may not be appropriate for young children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mild violence</li> <li>• Mild/Infrequent profanity</li> <li>• Mild Infrequent hate</li> <li>• Non-sexual nudity</li> <li>• No reference to sexual activity</li> <li>• Inexplicit sexuality</li> <li>• No drug or alcohol use</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>Teen Guidance</b> Some content may not be appropriate for children under 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderate violence</li> <li>• Moderate hate</li> <li>• Moderate profanity</li> <li>• Drug or alcohol use</li> <li>• Non-sexual nudity, including genitalia</li> <li>• Inexplicit sexual nudity/sexual activity</li> <li>• Explicit sexuality</li> <li>• Explicit gender ideologies</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>Minor Restricted</b> Under 18 requires guidance of parent or guardian.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extreme/frequent hate</li> <li>• Excessive/frequent profanity</li> <li>• Sexual nudity</li> <li>• References to sexual activities (NOT involving penetration, cunnilingus, fellatio, or ejaculation)</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>No Minors</b> Adult content. No child under 18 years of age.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explicit sexual nudity (depictions of sexual organs in state of arousal)</li> <li>• Obscene references to sexual activities (involving anal, oral, or vaginal intercourse; fingering, anilingus, or ejaculation)</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>Aberrant Content</b> Adult only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explicit references to aberrant sexual activities (sexual assault, battery, bestiality, or sadomasochistic abuse)</li> </ul>

Pavement Education Project  
Original source BookLooks.org

Books summaries for Level 4-5 books will only be provided in print to the RRPS School Board. Book summaries may be found at these links: <https://www.nmfa.us/booklooks-content> and [INAPPROPRIATE BOOKS | PEP.org](https://www.inappropriatebooks.org)



# Quick Reference Chart of Which Books Are in Each School in RRPS by Level Rating

NOTE: Books denoted with a \* have more-egregious age-inappropriate content.

	Cleveland High School	Rio Rancho High School	Mountain View Middle School	Lincoln Middle School	Eagle Ridge Middle School	Rio Rancho Middle School	Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary
<b>Level 4 &amp; 5 - Explicit Books Titles &amp; Authors</b>							
All Boy's Aren't Blue by George Johnson	X	X					
And They Lived by Steven Salvatore	X						
The Art of Racing In The Rain by Garth Stein	X						X
Assassination Classroom (series) by Yusei Matsui	X						
Beyond Magenta by Susan Kunklin	X	X				X	
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison	X	X		X		X	
Breathless by Jennifer Niven		X					
The Carnival at Bray by Jessie Ann Foley	X	X	X				
*A Clash of Kings by George RR Martin		X					
*A Court of Frost and Starlight by Sarah J. Maas	X						
*A Court of Mist and Fury by Sarah J. Maas	X	X					
A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas	X	X					
A Court of Wings and Ruin by Sarah J. Maas	X						
Crank by Ellen Hopkins	X						
Damsel by Elana Arnold	X	X					
The Duff: Designated Ugly Fat Friend by Kody Keplinger		X					
Empire of Storms by Sarah J. Maas	X	X					
Fade by Lisa McMann	X				X	X	
Fallout by Ellen Hopkins	X						
Fight Club by Chuck Palahniuk		X					
The Freedom Writers Diary by The Freedom Writers with Erin Gruwell	X	X	X			X	
Glass by Ellen Hopkins	X						
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood	X	X					
The Handsome Girl and Her Beautiful Boy by B.T. Gottfred	X						
Him by Sarina Bowen and Elle Kennedy	X	X					
Hopeless by Colleen Hoover		X					
*I Never by Laura Hopper		X					



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<b>Level 4 &amp; 5 - Explicit Books Titles &amp; Authors</b>							
Impulse by Ellen Hopkins				X			
Infamous by Elana K. Arnold		X					
Man O' War by Cory McCarthy	X	X					
Margo Zimmerman Gets the Girl by Brianna R. Shrum and Sara Waxelbaum	X	X					
Maybe Someday by Colleen Hoover						X	
One Last Stop by Casey McQuiston	X						
People Kill People by Ellen Hopkins	X	X					
The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky	X			X			
Queen of Shadows by Sarah J Maas	X	X		x	X	X	
Red Hood by Elana Arnold		X					
Red, White, and Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston		X					
Rumble by Ellen Hopkins		X					
Shine by Lauren Myracle				X			
A Stolen Life by Jaycee Dugard					X		
The You I've Never Known by Ellen Hopkins	X						
This Book Is Gay by Juno Dawson		X					
This Is Kind of an Epic Love Story by Kacen Callender		X					
Tower of Dawn by Sarah J. Maas	X	X		X	X	X	
Traffic by Ellen Hopkins	X						
What Girls Are Made Of by Elena K. Arnold	X	X		X			
Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West by Gregory Maguire	X						

	Cleveland High School	Rio Rancho High School	Mountain View Middle School	Lincoln Middle School	Eagle Ridge Middle School	Rio Rancho Middle School	Cielo Azul	Maggie Cordova Elementary
<b>LEVEL 3 Book Titles &amp; Authors</b>								
19 Love Songs by David Levithan	X	X						
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
All The Things We Do in the Dark by Sandra Mitchell	X							
Allegedly: A Novel by Tiffany D Jackson	X	X		X				
Ask the Passengers by A.S. King	X							
Assassination Classroom Volume 11 by Yusei Matsui	X							
Assassination Classroom Volume 3 by Yusei Matsui	X							
Beetle & the Hollowbones by Eliza Layne		X				X		
Bitter by Akwaeke Emezi	X	X						
The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta	X	X						
The Body: A Guide for Occupants by Bill Bryson		X		X				
The Boy and Girl who Broke the World by Amy Reed	X							
Boy Girl Boy by Ron Koertge								
Bumped by Megan McCafferty		X						
Burned by P.C. Cast		X		X		X		
Can't Take That Away by Steven Salvatore	X							
A Child Called "It": On Child's Courage to Survive by Dave Pelzer	X	X	X	X		X		
Chosen by PC Cast and Kristin Cast	X	X				X		
The Circle by Dave Eggers	X							
Clockwork Princess: The Infernal Devices 3 by Cassandra Clare						X		
Cool for the Summer by Dahlia Adler	X							
Darius the Great Deserves Better by Adib Khorram	X	X						
Dreaming in Cuban by Christina Garcia	X	X						
Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell	X	X						
Fallout by Ellen Hopkins	X							
Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell	X	X						
The Fault in Our Stars by John Green	X	X	X	X	X	X		

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Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender	X	X						
The Female of the Species by Mindy McGinnis	X							
Fire Force 01 by Atsushi Ohkubo	X							
Flamer by Mike Curato	X	X						
Gabi, A Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero		X						
A Game of Thrones (A Song of Ice and Fire) by George R.R. Martin		X						
A Game of Thrones: Graphic Novel Vol 2 by George R.R. Martin adapted by Abraham		X						
A Game of Thrones: Graphic Novel Vol 3 by George R.R. Martin adapted by Abraham		X						
The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee	X	X						
George by Alex Gino			X		X	X	X	
Glass by Ellen Hopkins	X							
Grit by Gillian French	X							
Grown by Tiffany D Jackson	X	X						
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas	X	X		X	X	X		
Heartstopper: Volume 5 by Alice Oseman	X	X						
Here's to Us by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera		X						
Heroine by Mindy McGinnis	X	X						
The Honeys by Ryan La Sala	X	X				X		
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Hunger: A Memoir of My Body by Roxane Gay	X	X						
I am Margaret Moore by Hannan Capin	X	X						
I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L Sanchez	X	X		X				
I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson	X	X	X					
The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue		X						
Jay's Gay Agenda by Jason June	X							
Juliet Takes a Breath (Book) by Gabby Rivera	X							

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<b>LEVEL 3 Book Titles &amp; Authors</b>								
Kiss & Tell by Adib Khorram	X							
Lady Midnight (1) (The Dark Artifices) by Cassandra Clare	X	X		X	X			
Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison		X						
The Lesbians Guide to Catholic School by Sonora Reyes		X						
A Lesson in Vengeance by Victoria Lee	X	X						
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus		X						
Light It Up by Kekla Magoon	X	X						
Little & Lion by Brandy Colbert	X	X						
Looking for Alaska by John Green	X	X		X				
Loveless by Alice Oseman	X	X						
Lush by Natasha Friend					X			
Magical Boy by The Kao				X		X		
Marriage of a Thousand Lies by SJ Sindu		X						
Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews		X						
Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany D. Jackson	X				X			
More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera					X			
Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu	X	X						
Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe by Preston Norton		X						
Nick and Charlie by Alice Oseman	X	X						
Night by Elie Wiesel	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Not My Problem by Ciara Smyth	X							
Plan A by Deb Caletti	X	X						
The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo	X	X			X			
Ramona Blue by Julie Murphy	X	X						
Ready Player One: A Novel by Ernest Cline	X	X			X			
Red at the Bone by Jacqueline Woodson		X						
She Gets the Girl by Rachael Lippincott and Alyson Derrick	X	X						



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Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater	X	X		X		X		
Shout by Laurie Halse Anderson	X	X				X		
Simon vs The Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli	X	X		X				
Slaughterhouse-Five: Graphic Novel by Kurt Vonnegut with Ryan North	X	X						
Someone I Used to Know by Patty Blount	X	X						
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson	X	X		X	X	X		
Spinning by Tillie Walden		X						
The Testaments by Margaret Atwood		X						
Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher	X			X	X	X		
This is Our Rainbow by Katherine Locke and Nicole Melleby				X		X		
This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki	X	X			X			
Throne of Glass by Sarah J Maas	X	X		X	X	X		
Tiger Eyes by Judy Blume		X	X			X		
Two Boys Kissing by David Levithan	X	X						
Unravel Me by Taheren Mafi		X						
The Upside of Unrequited by Becky Albertalli	X	X		X				
Vampire Academy: Book 1 by Richelle Mead	X				X			
Wait, What? By Heather Corinna and Isabella Rotman			X			X		
We Are the Ants by Shaun Davis Hutchinson	X	X						
When I was the Greatest by Jason Reynolds	X							
Where I End and You Begin by Preston Norton	X	X						
Wintergirls by Laurie Halse		X			X			
Yolk by Mary H.K. Choi	X							
You Too? By Janet Gurtler		X						

<b>LEVEL 2 BOOK TITLES &amp; AUTHORS</b>	<b>Cleveland High School</b>	<b>Rio Rancho High School</b>	<b>Mountain View Middle School</b>	<b>Lincoln Middle School</b>	<b>Eagle Ridge Middle School</b>	<b>Rio Rancho Middle School</b>	<b>Cielo Azul</b>	<b>Colinas Del Norte</b>	<b>Enchanted Hills Elementary</b>	<b>Ernest Stapleton</b>	<b>Joe Harris Elementary</b>	<b>Maggie Cordova Elementary</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary</b>	<b>Puesta Del Sol Elementary</b>	<b>Rio Rancho Elementary</b>	<b>Sandia Vista Elementary</b>	<b>Vista Grande Elementary</b>
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie	X	X	X	X	X	X						X					
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko				X		X		X				X	X	X	X	X	X
All American Boys by Jason Reynolds & Brendan Kiely	X	X		X	X	X											
All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven		X			X												
All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson			X	X	X	X					X		X				
American Like Me: Reflections On Life Between Cultures by American Ferrera	X	X															
Anne Frank's Diary: Graphic Novel by Ari Folman	X	X				X						X					
The Antiracist Kid by Tiffany Jewell																	X
Arden Grey by Ray Stoeve	X																
As the Crow Flies by Melanie Gillman	X					X											
The Assassin's Blade by Sarah J. Maas	X	X			X	X											
Attack of the Black Rectangles by Amy Sarig King					X	X			X				X	X			
Banned Book Club by Kim Hyun Sook, Ko Hyung-Ju, and Ryan Estrada	X	X															
Be Amazing: A History of Pride by Desmond is Amazing										X							
Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol					X	X											
Beetle & the Hollowbones by Eliza Layne		X				X											
Being Jazz: My Life as a Transgender Teen by Jazz Jennings		X															
Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out by Susan Kuklin	X	X				X											
Beyond the Gender Binary by Alok Vaid-Menon	X																
Black Boy Joy by Kwame Mbalia						X		X						X		X	X

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The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person by Frederick Joseph	X																
Bone: Ghost Circle by Jeff Smith								X	X			X		X	X		X
The Boy and Girl who Broke the World by Amy Reed	X																
Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan	X																
Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World By Penelope Bagieu	X	X															
The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis			X	X	X	X											
The Breakaways by Cathy G Johnson						X					X						
Burn Our Bodies Down by Rory Power	X	X															
Camp Quiltbag by A.J. Sass and Nicole Melleby						X											
Candidly Cline by Kathryn Ormsbee						X											
Catwoman: Soulstealer by Sarah J. Maas	X	X			X	X											
Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas	X	X															
Cheer Up! Love and Pompoms by Crystal Frasier	X																
Cinderella Is Dead by Kalynn Bayron	X																
Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo		X															
Closer to Nowhere by Ellen Hopkins						X											
Crown of Midnight by Sarah J Maas	X	X		X	X	X											
Dancing at the Pitty Party: A Dead Mom Graphic Memoir by Tyler Feder	X	X															
Darius the Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram	X	X															
A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck			X			X											
Dear Martin by Nic Stone	X	X			X												
The Deep and Dark Blue by Nikki Smith						X											
Drag Teen by Jeffery Self	X																
Drama by Raina Telgemeier			X	X	X	X		X	X				X		X	X	

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Everything I Learned Racism I Learned in School by Tiffany Jewell	X	X															
Fable by Adrienne Young	X	X				X											
Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell	X	X															
The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater	X	X			X	X											
Flowers in the Attic by V.C. Andrews		X															
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick	X		X	X		X	X					X			X		
Friends Forever by Shannon Hale									X								
George by Alex Gino			X		X	X	X										
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes		X				X											
Gilded by Marissa Meyer	X	X		X		X											
The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams	X	X															
Graceling by Kristin Cashore	X	X	X			X											
Green by Alex Gina			X					X									
Heartstopper: Volume 1 by Alice Oseman	X	X			X	X											
Heartstopper: Volume 2 by Alice Oseman		X			X	X											
Heartstopper: Volume 3 by Alice Oseman	X	X			X	X											
Heartstopper: Volume 4 by Alice Oseman	X	X				X											
Heir of Fire by Sarah J. Maas	X	X		X	X	X											
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros	X		X	X	X	X											
How to be a (Young) Antiracists by y Ibram X. Kendi and Nic Stone	X	X															
I Kissed Shara Wheeler by Casey McQuiston	X	X															
If I Was Your Girl by Meredith Russo	X																
If There's No Tomorrow by Jennifer Armentrout		X															
Infinity Son by Adam Silvera	X	X			X												
Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World by Ashley Herring Blake		X				X							X				



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<b>OTHER BOOKS FOUND (Unsure of Level)</b>																
Ander and Santi were here: A Novel by Johnnny Garza Villa	X	X														
Answers in the pages by David Levithan	X															
Antiracist Baby by Ibram Kendi																X
Aristotle and Dante dive into the waters of the world by Benjamin Alire Saenz	X	X														
The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta	X	X														
Blackwater by Jeannette Arroyo and Ren Graham	X															
Body and Mind: LGBTQ Health Issues by Jeremy Quist		X														
Born Ready by Jodie Patterson	X															
Breakup Makeup by Stacey Anthony	X															
Constellations by Kate Glasheen	X	X														
Daddy, Papa, and Me by Leslea Newman																X
Elle Campbell wins their weekend by Ben Kahn						X										
The Evolving Truth of Every-Stronger Will by Maya MacGregor	X															
Gay Parenting	X															
The Gender Binary is a Big Lie: infinite identities around the world by Lee Wind	X	X														
Homebody by Theo Parish	X	X														
I am Jazz by Jessica Herthel							X		X						X	
Introducing Teddy by Jessica Walton										X						
It Feels Good To Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity by Theresa Thorn							X				X				X	
Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love							X	X						X		
LGBTQ in America by Barbara Sheen		X				X										
LGBTQ+ athletes claim the field: striving for equality by Kirstin Cronn-Mills						X										
Love, Violet by Charlette Sullivan Wild	X															
Mommy and Momma and Me in the Middle by Nina LaCour							X						X		X	
Morris Micklewhite and The Tangerine Dress by Christine Baldacchino														X		
My Body My Choice, the fight for abortion rights by Robin Stevenson						X										
My Princess Boy by Cheryl Kilodavis													X			X



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Out in Left Field by Donna Oatney	X	X														
The Queer Girl is Going to Be OK by Dale Walls		X														
A Queer History of the United States by Michael Bronski	X	X				X										
Queer Power: icons, activists, and game changers from across the rainbow		X														
Queer, there, and everywhere: 23 people who changed the world by Sarah Prager	X	X														
Quiltbag by Nichole Melleby and A.J. Sass						X										
The Rainbow Parade by Emily Neilson							X									
Release by Patrick Ness	X	X														
The Road to Marriage Equality by John Mazurek		X														
Ryan and Avery by David Levithan	X	X														
Sparkle Boy by Leslea Newman							X			X						
Speak Up! By Rebecca Burgess											X					
The Stonewall Riots: coming out in the streets by Gayle Pitman		X														
The Stonewall Riots: the fight for LBGT rights by Tristan Poehlmann	X		X													
Teen Rights and Freedoms by David Haugen and Susan Musser						X										
Unbecoming: a novel & self-help guide by Seema Yesmin	X	X														
You are not alone: finding your LGBTQ community by Jeremy Quist		X														

***“You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know.”***  
***William Wilberforce***

# Parent's Guide for Protecting Children From Harmful Books & Pornography

## Previewing Books:

While it's not always possible to read or review every book your child picks up, it is still important to stay informed about what they are reading. Having a general awareness of the content they are exposed to helps support meaningful conversations and ensures their reading material aligns with your family's values.

Here are a few tips-

1. Look at book reviews for required and recommended reading lists. Ask your children to bring books home that they are reading in class. Flip through the book and skim a few random passages.
2. Do random checks of the books your child is bringing home from the school library or reading electronically.
3. Ask your child questions about the book.
  - What's this book about?
  - What's happening in the story?
  - Tell me about the main characters.
  - Is there anything you've read in the book that makes you feel uncomfortable?
  - For older kids, ask directly if the book contains depictions of sexual acts and/or violence.

## Warn & Teach Your Children About Pornography:

Empower your child by warning them about sexual content in books and giving them a plan for what to do when they encounter it. Here are some steps to take to prepare your children for when they are exposed to pornography.

1. **Talk to your child about pornography in an ongoing conversation.** Children need to be equipped with these 3 defensive tools; an age-appropriate definition, a warning about its harms, and a plan for when exposure happens. Children are not usually "looking" for pornography when they are exposed and need to know what to do.

Here are some resources to help you approach this topic in age-appropriate ways for children:

- **Free guide:** *How to Talk to Kids About Pornography*
- **Great Book:** *Good Pictures Bad Pictures*
- **Online Course:** Brain Defense - Digital Safety



2. **In your discussions about pornography, be sure to emphasize that it is not just pictures and videos.** Pornography includes animation, video games, and written stories. Come up with a plan for what to do if they are reading a book that has sexual content. The above-mentioned resources will help you make a plan with your children.

## RRPS Policies and How to Opt Your Children Out

Parents are the experts on their children, and they have the authority by God and government to make decisions about what their children are allowed to read and access during the school day. RRPS Policies allow parents to opt their children out of specific materials and activities. A list of all current RRPS policies can be found by following this QR Code:



***Below are 4 policies that parents should be aware of to protect their children from being exposed to harmful materials in the public schools.***


**Policy 404 Teaching About Controversial or Sensitive Issues:** This policy states that teachers shall not use the classroom to advocate personal beliefs regarding political or sectarian issues. No materials shall be introduced into the classroom by an individual or organized group to promote a biased viewpoint on religious, racial, sexual, or political issue. The policy states “when possible, provide the parents with advance notice before studying controversial or sensitive issues, offering alternative when appropriate. Parents may make a request for alternative assignments on behalf of their enrolled children.” [404 Teaching About Controversial or Sensitive Issues.pdf - Google Drive](#)

**Policy 1024 Protection of Pupil Rights:** This policy provides parents and guardians the right to inspect certain instructional materials and requires the district to notify parents and obtain their consent or allow their student to opt out of participating in certain activities. Parents receive notice of the right to inspect instructional materials annually at the beginning of each school year. Parents have the right to inspect all instructional materials, including teacher’s manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material which would be used as part of the educational curriculum. [1024 Protection of Pupil Rights.pdf - Google Drive](#)

**Policy 418 Library Bill of Rights:** This policy states the Library Bill of Rights, which was produced by the American Library Association. It states the types of materials that will be provided to students. It also provides the process for challenging a book for removal. [418 Library Bill of Rights.pdf - Google Drive](#)

**Policy 405 Use of Videos, Movies, and Other Digital Media in Schools and School Sponsored Activities:** This policy states that for elementary students movies or programs may only be shown with a G or PG rating. If a PG rated film/program is to be shown, parents of elementary students will receive notification at least 2 weeks in advance. Parents who do not wish the child to view the film must provide a written objection. For middle and high school, films/programs may be shown that are PG13 with principal approval. No opt out policy is given for middle or high school. [405 Use of Videos, Movies, and Other Digital Media in Schools and School-Sponsored Activities.pdf - Google Drive](#)

## U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on LGBTQ+ Materials



### Mahmoud v. Taylor Case Summary

**Background:** In Mahmoud v. Taylor, parents in Montgomery County, Maryland, challenged the school district's policy on LGBTQ+-themed storybooks in elementary classrooms.

**The Dispute:** The Montgomery County Board of Education integrated LGBTQ+-inclusive storybooks into the curriculum. Initially, parents could opt out, but the district later eliminated this option, citing administrative challenges and a commitment to inclusion. Parents from diverse religious backgrounds claimed the no-opt-out policy violated their First Amendment religious freedom and parental rights.

**Lower Court Rulings:** The district court rejected the parents' request for a preliminary injunction, a decision upheld by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Supreme Court Decision:** On June 27, 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 6-3 in favor of the parents, finding that the no-opt-out policy infringed on their First Amendment right to free exercise of religion.

**Impact:** The ruling bolsters parental rights and religious liberty, allowing parents to guide their children's education based on their beliefs.

### Parental Opt-Out from LGBTQ+ Instruction and Materials

On June 27, 2025, the United States Supreme Court delivered a landmark decision affirming that parents have a constitutional right to shield their children from LGBTQ+ materials in public school classrooms when it conflicts with their sincerely held religious beliefs. This ruling in Mahmoud v. Taylor makes clear that the First Amendment protects the religious upbringing of children- even at public school- and that public schools must provide reasonable notice and opt-out options for parents.

In light of this decision, Advocates for Faith and Freedom have prepared a customizable letter for parents to formally assert their rights and request that their children be exempt from exposure to any instruction or materials on gender identity, sexual orientation, or other related topics contrary to their faith. This form is provided at the QR Code provided below. Print, personalize, and submit this letter to your school administrators to protect your child's education and your family's religious freedom.

**Opt Out Form:**

