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Approved Suggested Reading List Grades K – 12th

The following list of book titles has been approved by Tooele County School District and the District Literature Selection Committee comprised of teachers, librarians, principals, and parents. Classroom teachers choosing titles to be studied by an entire class must make their selections only from this approved list. This does not include selections from school or classroom libraries. For independent reading, students may select their own material from their own sources under their parent's direction.

Tooele County School District
Book Selection Guidelines

LITERATURE SELECTION GUIDELINES

Books Not on the Approved List:

- Books must be approved by the committee before being used in class study.
- Submit book [approval form](https://www.tooeleschools.org/forms/book-approval-form) to pbaldwin@tooeleschools.org for endorsement by the committee.

Teacher Procedures:

- Before assigning any book in the classroom, **read the book** to determine its appropriateness for the students and your program.
- **Criteria**
 - Subject matter, reading level/lexile number, and maturity level of the piece must be appropriate for students being taught.
 - If there is a problem with the content or language of a book, prepare ahead of time by explaining the reasons for the content or language. Profanities should not be read aloud by the teacher, nor should the teacher request students to read sections of the text which use them.
 - Obtain written permission from parents for books that do not appear on the **Tooele County School District Approved Reading List**, and place in your disclosure statement. Be prepared with an alternate novel, if parents do not sign permission slips.

PROCEDURE: Placing a Book on the Approved Reading List

Fill out the following BOOK APPROVAL FORM and send electronically to pbaldwin@tooeleschools.org. Allow at least four weeks prior to the date you would like to use the text in your classroom for committee members to read the book.

ELEMENTARY BOOK APPROVAL FORM

Content Label

(L) **Language:** swearing, coarse or crude language, suggestive dialogue

(SS) **Sexual Situation:** sexual content, sexual innuendo

(V) **Violence**

(T) **Theme:** themes may be considered controversial

(DC) **Drug Content**

(SC) **Spiritual Content**

Ratings: Content Ratings are based on a 0-5 scale.

0 = no objectionable content and

5 = an excessive or disturbing level of content

Submitted by (Teacher Name) _____

Today's Date _____

Requested Date for Class Study _____

Book Lexile Number _____

Directions: Please fill out the table below. Do not submit more than one book per form.

School	Check
ASE	
CCE	
DE	
EE	
GE	
HE	
IE	
MCE	
NE	
OE	
RE	
SCE	
SPE	
VE	
WEST E	
WE	

Book Title	Author	Desired Grade Level		Content Label	
			Check		Check
		1 st		L	
		2 nd		SS	
		3 rd		V	
		4 th		T	
		5 th		D	
		6 th		SC	

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SECONDARY BOOK APPROVAL FORM

Content Label

(L) **Language:** swearing, coarse or crude language, suggestive dialogue

(SS) **Sexual Situation:** sexual content, sexual innuendo

(V) **Violence**

(T) **Theme:** themes may be considered controversial

(DC) **Drug Content**

(SC) **Spiritual Content**

Ratings: Content Ratings are based on a 0-5 scale.

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Submitted by (Teacher Name) _____

Today's Date _____

Requested Date for Class Study _____

Book Lexile Number _____

Directions: Please fill out the table below. Do not submit more than one book per form.

School	Check
CJH	
GJHS	
TJHS	
DHS	
GHS	
SHS	
THS	
BPHS	
WHS	

Book Title	Author	Desired Grade Level		Content Label	
			Check		Check
		7 TH		L	
		8 TH		SS	
		9 TH		V	
		10 TH		T	
		11 TH		D	
		12 TH		SC	

Committee Ratings and Comments

Committee recommendations are by majority vote. This form will be sent electronically to the teacher with committee comments. Upon agreement the book will be added to the district list of approved reading books.

Rating	Rating Explanation	Committee Approval