



1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-203 of Title 70, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. By September 1, 2023, each school district board of  
5 education, charter school governing body, and public library  
6 governing body shall appoint a committee to conduct an inventory of  
7 print and nonprint materials and media located in their libraries.  
8 A library media specialist employed by a school district or charter  
9 school shall be included on the committee. The inventory shall be  
10 completed by July 1, 2024. Print and nonprint materials and media  
11 shall be designated with one of the following ratings:

12 1. "Elementary" means the content of the print or nonprint  
13 material or media is suitable for children enrolled in grades pre-  
14 kindergarten through five in this state;

15 2. "Junior high" means the content of the print or nonprint  
16 material or media may not include material unsuitable for a child  
17 enrolled in grades six, seven, and eight in this state, and parents  
18 and legal guardians are encouraged to provide guidance to their  
19 children in selecting print and nonprint materials and media rated  
20 "junior high";

21 3. "Under 16" means the content of the print or nonprint  
22 materials or media may not include material inappropriate for  
23 children under the age of sixteen (16), and parents and legal  
24 guardians are urged to provide guidance to their children in

1 selecting print and nonprint materials and media rated "under 16";  
2 and

3 4. "Juniors and seniors" means the content of the print or  
4 nonprint material or media may include some material not suitable  
5 for minors.

6 B. Beginning July 1, 2024, school districts and charter schools  
7 shall:

8 1. Include only print and nonprint materials and media  
9 designated as "elementary" in elementary school libraries serving  
10 students in grades pre-kindergarten through five;

11 2. Include only print and nonprint materials and media  
12 designated as "elementary" or "junior high" in elementary school  
13 libraries that serve students in grades pre-kindergarten through  
14 eight;

15 3. Include only print and nonprint materials and media  
16 designated as "elementary", "junior high", or "under 16" in junior  
17 high school and high school libraries; and

18 4. Place print and nonprint materials and media designated as  
19 "juniors and seniors" in a section of the library accessible only to  
20 librarians, teachers, and other school staff. Print and nonprint  
21 materials and media designated as "juniors and seniors" shall only  
22 be available to a student if he or she has presented a librarian,  
23 teacher, or other school staff with written consent from a parent or  
24 legal guardian.

1 C. Beginning July 1, 2024, public libraries shall place print  
2 and nonprint materials and media designated as "juniors and seniors"  
3 in a section of the library accessible only to library staff. Print  
4 and nonprint materials and media designated as "juniors and seniors"  
5 shall only be available to an individual under the age of eighteen  
6 (18) if he or she has presented library staff with written consent  
7 from a parent or legal guardian.

8 D. Beginning July 1, 2024, no print or nonprint material or  
9 media in a school district library, charter school library, or  
10 public library shall include content that the average person age  
11 eighteen (18) or older applying contemporary community standards  
12 would find has a predominant tendency to appeal to a prurient  
13 interest in sex.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

15 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
16 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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