



Office of Curriculum & Instruction

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Dear Zeeland Families:

In ZPS, we believe that reading is foundational to the success of our students. Regularly, students are provided with opportunities to read independently. Oftentimes, this includes reading books of their choice. Students are offered access to books in building media centers and in classroom libraries. District media specialists and teachers work to curate collections of books that are high quality, engaging, and relevant to students. Ultimately, we believe that a student body with varying needs, life experiences, and social identities benefit from access to a wide range of books.

We also acknowledge the importance of parent involvement regarding literature choices for their family. We respect each parent's right to provide input on what books would be appropriate for their own child. While students have access to books at school, they are also welcome to bring books from home that support their literacy development. ZPS does not assign choice books to students. If there is a particular book that a family prefers their child not read during choice reading, this can be communicated directly with your child's teacher and they will help them find a better match.

In rare cases, a student, parent, or community member may challenge a text that is available to our students. ZPS has identified a book review process to evaluate the placement of texts within the building. This process begins by first connecting with the classroom teacher or library staff. Having said that, we strongly advocate that parents make the decision that's best for their own child. As such, if you would like to limit access to specific library texts for your child, please fill out [this form](#).

Supporting students in being safe, valued, loved and learning is our top priority. Thank you for your partnership in your child's literacy instruction.

Sincerely,

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