



Manawa Middle/Little Wolf High School Library

YOUNG ADULT MATERIALS ACCESS PROCEDURE

Dear Parents and Students (under 16),

Our collection of books in the Manawa Middle/Little Wolf High School Library is current and full of variety. Due to the fact that our library serves grades six through twelve with students ranging from about 11 to 18 years old, we keep a wide range of books for all grade levels on a wide variety of topics. It is the job of the district librarian and staff to make sure we have reading materials to suit all of these differences. Public school libraries are required to have a library collection that is diverse and inclusive, and we particularly strive to ensure that all students in the School District of Manawa can see themselves reflected on our library shelves; as well as experience the world beyond our district through reading materials. Another way to think about our school library collection is that it is about voice and choice with mirrors, windows and doors.

Not every book will be right for every student; but we will have books for every student. **Some of these books cover topics that are mature in nature including, but not limited to: language, sex, violence, drug or alcohol usage and may not be appropriate for all age levels.** Many times if a student checks out a book that they aren't ready for or that isn't a good fit, they will self-monitor and exchange it for something else. To help with this matter, our library places YA stickers on young adult books (those that are recommended for grades 9 and up.) Parents of students under the age of 16 have three options when registering their child(ren) regarding their child's access to young adult books in the Manawa Middle/Little Wolf High School Library. Please, read each option carefully and then select and initial the one that you feel is appropriate for your child:

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Option 1: NO YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

Parents selecting this option are saying that their child may **not** check out any books with a YA label at any time during the school year that they are under the age of 16. Parent Initials: _____

Option 2: PRIOR PARENT APPROVAL FOR YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

Parents selecting this option are asking to receive a permission slip for each YA labeled book that their child wishes to check out. This parent permission slip would need to be returned signed and approved before their child would be allowed to check out the requested young adult book. Parent Initials: _____

Option 3: ANY BOOK IN THE LIBRARY

Parents selecting this option are saying that they are okay with their child checking out **any** book from the library, including those labeled as YA. Parent Initials: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Our library works hard to meet the needs of all our readers! Children mature at different rates and have different backgrounds and interests. The Manawa Middle/Little Wolf High School Library follows the selection policy outlined in board policy 2522. Please use the QR code to view the board policy as needed.



We respect (and count on) your right as parents and guardians to help your own child choose reading materials, and we ask that you respect the rights of other parents to do the same. If your child is reading a book that doesn't work for them, send it back to the library, and we will help your student find a better fit. Though it may not be the right fit for your child right now, it may be the perfect fit for another child. Our school library will continue to have a diverse and inclusive collection to satisfy all of our middle and high school readers; our goal is to help everyone develop a love of reading. If we can ever be of help in recommending titles to your student or your family, please reach out and we will be happy to help.

NOTE: Students must have submitted this form prior to checking out any Young Adult books from the Manawa Middle/Little Wolf High School Library.

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