

LIBRARY CHALLENGE #1

RECONSIDERATION POLICIES

Why did I make this challenge #1? Because it is supremely important that you do this one before tackling anything else. A book challenge can happen any time. It can happen on your very first day as a librarian. Are you ready for that? You should be!

Your first library challenge is all about creating or locating, reading, and reviewing your school or district Instructional Materials Reconsideration Policies. This is fancy library speak for how your library selects books and addresses book challenges that may come up.

Tasks for Library Challenge #1:

- Watch the video on the [Library Challenge #1 resources page](#). This video will help you understand the whats, whys, and hows of Book Challenges.
- Find out if your school already has a Selection and Reconsideration Policy. Many will already have this, and you are required as a school employee to follow the policy, even if you don't agree with everything it says. **HINT:** Now is the time to propose changes if you think they are needed. Do not wait until a challenge happens!
- If you have a policy in place, find it and read it thoroughly. Read it at least twice. Highlight and make notes—you **MUST** know this policy inside and out.
- If you do not have a policy in place, or if yours is insufficient, I've got a free policy for you in the [Resources post for Library Challenge #1](#). This document is 100% editable. I created it especially for this Challenge (not for a school), so please feel free to edit it in whatever way you need for your school.
- Edit or update the policy to make necessary changes for your school. NOTE: Do not write your own reconsideration policies unless you are certain your school or district does not have these in place already **AND** you have your administrator's blessing to write up a draft.
- Set a meeting with the appropriate in your building or district to review the policy and make any further changes. You should have a reconsideration policy review meeting with your school administrators at the beginning of every school year just to make sure everyone is on the same page with it and understands it thoroughly.
- Print the complete policy documents + 3 copies of the Selection and Reconsideration packet (slides/pages 7-11). Staple the packet and put it in a place where you can access it easily. This packet is what you will give parents who want to formally challenge a book.