**Parent Young Adult Library Collection Opt-In Form**

Motivating middle school students to read is sometimes difficult because they are not all interested in children’s books, yet neither are they all ready for adult novels. Their interests, homework loads, and social activities are also tough competition for books. When they do read, they want and enjoy books about other teens that they can relate to on a personal level.

The American Library Association recognizes 13-18-year-old individuals as young adults. Acknowledging this gap in the market, many current authors are writing specifically for this age group. The plot, theme, setting, and characters are created and written using mature and contemporary language, such as crude humor/language, profanity, drug and alcohol use kissing, intimacy, and violence/humor, in order to appeal to teens.

As teachers and library media specialists, it is apparent that many Young Adult (YA) books are too mature for some of our students, and therefore our Library Media Centers have created a method to limit the check-out of these young adult books to only the students who have parental permission.  We respect your right as a parent to judge the maturity of your reader; therefore, parents can choose whether to allow their students to check out YA titles. Realizing that not all parents may grant permission, students are not to share their YA books with others. If found sharing YA books with others, the student’s YA privileges will be revoked.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of our titles, please feel free to contact your student’s school to discuss this with the Library Media Specialist.

This information will be recorded in our student information system, Focus, and Destiny, the district’s library circulation system.

\_\_\_ Yes, My child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (student ID \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) DOES have permission to check out YA (Young Adult) titles available in ECPS middle school library media centers.

I understand that the plot, theme, setting, and characters are created and written using mature and contemporary language in order to appeal to teens. My student and I are both aware that it is against the rules to share Young Adult books checked out from the ECPS library media center with other students and if found doing so, my child’s rights will be revoked.

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Printed Parent/Guardian Name Parent/Guardian Signature

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