

TEA Reading List

**Protect our kids.
Protect our faith freedom.**



TESTIFYING AT THE STATE BOARD

The State Board of Education (SBOE) will vote on a TEA-proposed [required reading list](#) for every public school student in Texas. Their decision will affect what millions of Texas children learn - without meaningful input from parents, educators, or faith communities.

What's the big deal? The law requires one text per grade level. The proposed list requires anywhere from 17 to 34 texts per level creating an undue burden on teachers to implement this. Additionally, because the process was rushed, this list includes careless errors and exclusively favors Christian content. For example, the State of Texas is listed as the author of biblical texts assigned to kindergartners. Every biblical text on this list uses a Protestant Christian translation. With the exception of one outdated Jewish reference, no other faith tradition is represented.

We have the opportunity to protect our kids & protect our faith freedom.

That's why we are asking YOU to testify at the April SBOE meetings.



Quick tip! Registration to testify opens a week prior to meetings and participants have a 3-minute window.

INTRODUCTION

Introduce yourself and your ask. Make it personal – you are a real person in the community impacted by this issue. Share who you are and your relationship to the district (“I am a parent/ teacher / student / community member”). From there, make a clear and concise ask before going into your testimony (“**Reject** the TEA proposed reading list”).

SHARE YOUR STORY

Share your experience or vantage point. Think about how you relate to it. Are you a current or former student? Reflect on your experiences in school that exemplify the importance of this issue. Are you a parent? Reflect on what you want for your children and share any barriers a proposal presents toward making those dreams a reality. Are you a current or former educator? Reflect on your personal experiences in the classroom and what benefits your students. Don't fit in any of those categories? Reflect on why you care despite your indirect impact. Need ideas for talking points? [Find ideas here!](#)

CLOSE WITH YOUR ASK

Be clear and concise in reiterating your ask. State very clearly what you want the board members to do. Ask them to heed your concerns and reject the TEA proposed reading list. Close by thanking them for their time and offer a brief reminder to keep your testimony in mind when it comes time to vote.

