

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT - "OPT OUT" FORM (YA BOOKS)

Dear Parents:

Since Pembroke Pines Charter Central Campus is a K-8 school, we have students of various ages, maturity, and reading levels. As a result, our library contains a wide range of books to meet all of those different needs. Some of the books are labeled as Young Adult books because they may have more mature content.

Young Adult, or YA, books is a genre of literature that addresses common experiences and issues that concern children as they go through the teenage years. Publisher recommendation for YA content is Grade 7 ages 13 and up, similar to a PG-13 movie rating. Young Adult literature focuses on teen-relevant content, which motivates students to read. Young Adult literature tends to deliver strong messages about the negative consequences of engaging in hurtful or selfish behaviors. Young Adult literature is supported throughout the school library and literary communities.

As parents, we encourage you to become involved in what books your child selects. We cannot patrol every book that every student selects – as each student has different reading abilities and interests. Approval of subject matter, genres (such as fantasy or science fiction), and use of slang language will vary from family to family. In addition, each student may have a different maturity level. You know your child best.

Please sign and return this form with the "First Day Packet. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me to discuss this matter further.

Thank you very much for all your support of the library—past, present, and future.

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Parent: Please initial next to your decision (DO or DO NOT).

_____ I **DO** want my middle school child to check out YA Young Adult Literature from the school library.

_____ I **DO NOT** want my middle school child to check out YA Young Adult Literature from the school library.

Parent Signature: _____

Middle School Child's Full Name: _____

Middle School Child's Grade Level : _____