



Keller ISD Aligning Instructional Resources with HB 3979

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Keller ISD Teachers,

House Bill 3979, passed in the spring's 87th Texas Legislative Session, takes effect this school year. In part, this new law states that a teacher cannot "require or make part of a course" a series of race-related concepts, including the ideas that "one race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex" or that someone is "inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive" based on their race or sex.

In an effort to ensure our instructional resources align with this new law, we are temporarily removing the following resources from the student's KCloud: SORA, Newsela, and BrainPOP®. One of the reasons for this removal is that these platforms do not provide enough restrictions to resources that are age appropriate for students. Since students were able to access these platforms at any time, the decision was made to temporarily suspend student access while we evaluate the best way to ensure we provide appropriate resources. Teachers will continue to have access through their KCloud dashboard in order to provide links to appropriate instructional material outside the platform. Teachers are expected to screen all resources prior to sharing them with students.

During the first nine weeks, a review process will occur to evaluate the instructional content in the platforms to ensure compliance with House Bill 3979. In an attempt to be as transparent with our community as possible, we will communicate any decisions that result from the review process and keep our community informed of the status of these electronic resources for the remainder of the school year.
