



**Know Your Rights: Your Guide to Understanding the 2024 Education
Censorship Bills in Tennessee**
Webinar Resource Links

Event Resources:

- [Recording](#)
- [PowerPoint](#)
- [Q&A Summary](#)
- [Survey](#)

Who Are We?

- [The Education Trust - Tennessee](#)
- [TN Alliance for Equity in Education](#)
- [TN Coalition for Truth in Our Classrooms](#)

How Did We Get Here?

- Education Week: [Background of the Censorship Movement](#)
- Chalkbeat TN (2021): [Tennessee governor signs bill restricting how race and bias can be taught in schools](#)
- Testimony: [TN Youth Coalition students testify before TN Senate Judiciary Committee regarding School Library Censorship bill \(wistia.com\)](#)

Where Are We Today?

- The Washington Post (2022) [An Explosion of Culture-War Laws is Changing Schools](#)
- United Against Book Bans (2024): [American Library Association - 2023 Book Bans](#)
- The 74 (2024) New Study: [Two Thirds of Teachers Censor Themselves Even When They Don't Have TO](#)

Past Coalition Know Your Rights Events

- **May 2022:**
 - [Recording](#) & [PowerPoint](#)
- **November 2022:**
 - [Recording](#) & [PowerPoint](#)
- **June 2023**
 - [Recording](#) & [PowerPoint](#)

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2021, 2022, & 2023 Tennessee Censorship Legislation

- 2021:
 - [Public Chapter 493](#): first censorship law in TN impacting “prohibited/divisive concepts” in K-12 curriculum and teaching
- 2022:
 - [Public Chapter 744](#): Age Appropriate Materials Act
 - [Public Chapter 1137](#): Textbook Commission; Statewide Book Bans
 - Textbook Commission’s [Library Guidance](#)
 - [Public Chapter 818](#): Higher Education “Divisive Concepts” Restrictions
- 2023:
 - [Public Chapter 438](#): Restrictions on Implicit Bias Training
 - [Public Chapter 268](#): The Higher Education Freedom & Transparency Act
 - [Public Chapter 448](#): Student Pronouns Restrictions
 - [Public Chapter 285](#): Private School Regulations on Sports Participation
 - Related bills: [Public Chapter 40](#) & [Public Chapter 909](#)
 - [Public Chapter 353](#): Expanding Parent Consent in LEA Activities
 - [Public Chapter 278](#): Textbook Seller Criminalization
 - [Public Chapter 472](#): Library Complaints Process; Amendment to Age Appropriate Materials Act
- Wins:
 - [Public Chapter 1063](#) & [Public Chapter 127](#) Requiring the teaching of the Civil Rights Movement
 - [Public Chapter 938](#): Requiring the Teaching of Black History & Culture in Grades 5-8

Promising Momentum

- Chalkbeat TN (2023): [Teachers sue over Tennessee law restricting what they can teach about race, gender, and bias](#)
- Chalkbeat TN (2024): [Teachers can challenge Tennessee law restricting instruction on race, gender, bias, judge rules](#)

2024 Censorship Legislation

- [Public Chapter 782](#): Age Appropriate Materials Amendment
- [Public Chapter 780](#): Anti-Discrimination & Protected Classes (K-12)
- [Public Chapter 815](#): Penalties for Violations of Divisive Concepts
- [Public Chapter 832](#): Student Gender Identity Parental Reporting
- [Public Chapter 795](#): Baby Olivia Act

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2024 Legislative Wins

Bills that did NOT pass

- [HB1605 / SB1722](#): Prohibition of Pride Flags
- [HB1632 / SB1858](#): Parents' Right to Sue, Age-Appropriate Materials
- [HB1913 / SB1873](#): Parents Bill of Rights
- [HB1414 / SB0620](#): Families' Rights & Responsibilities Act
- [HB1661/ SB2173](#): Restricted Access by Minors to Obscene Library Materials Act
- [SB2107/ HB2457](#): Sexually Explicit Materials Restrictions
- [HB1660/ SB2351](#): Anti-Discrimination and Protected Classes (Higher Ed)
- [HB1948/ SB2350](#): Dismantling Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) in Higher Ed

Learn more: [2024 Coalition for Truth in Our Classrooms Advocacy Toolkit](#)

ACLU-TN Resources

- [ACLU-TN](#)
- [Censorship in TN Schools: Age Appropriate Materials Act \(2024\)](#)
- [Censorship in Tennessee's Higher Education \(2023\)](#)
- [Censorship in K-12 Tennessee Schools \(2022\)](#)
- [FAQ: Critical Race Theory](#)
- [TN Student Rights & Youth Activism](#)
- If you are aware of a school using new laws to stop student speech, association, or other activity, contact ACLU-TN using this [legal intake form](#)
- [Volunteer with the ACLU-TN](#)

RALLY Resources

- [RALLY](#)
- [We Believe Campaign](#) & [We Believe partner toolkit](#)
- [Strategic messaging guidance](#)
- [Latest message testing insights](#)

Next Actions

- [Sign up for weekly legislative updates](#), including our bill tracker
- Learn more at [TN Education Advocacy Hub](#)
- If you are aware of a school using new laws to stop student speech, association, or other activity, contact ACLU-TN: <https://action.aclu.org/legal-intake/aclu-tn-legal-intake-form>
- Review [Coalition webpage](#) of resources [continually updated]:
- Is your organization, or do you know an organization, interested in getting involved with our Coalition? Contact Meili Powell, mpowell@edtrust.org
- [Reflect on the 2024 legislative session](#)

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Coalition Partner Advocacy Actions & Resources

Action & Advocacy Opportunities:

- **Volunteer with the ACLU-TN** - [Sign Up Now](#)
- **TEA** early enrollment is happening now - [join today](#)
 - An educator can join now (summer) and not pay dues till September
- **TEA** launched educator survey - [take the survey now](#)
 - Input from educators helps drive TEA focus on growing impact of public education
- **TN Educator of Color Alliance** Membership Network - free to join! [Join Here](#)
- **TN Association of School Librarians** - [Reach out](#) to TASL if you or you know a librarian who faces censorship in their districts.
- **EmpowerED Student Network:** [Register Now](#)
- **YWCA Nashville & Middle TN:** Learn more about YWCA's social justice & advocacy programming [here](#).

Follow our Coalition partner event co-hosts & sign up for their newsletters:

Organization	Website	Twitter	Instagram	Facebook
ACLU-TN	https://www.aclu-tn.org/	@aclutn	@aclu_tennessee	@aclutn
Asian & Pacific Islanders of Middle TN	https://www.apimidtn.org/	@APImidTN	@apimidtn	@apimiddletn
AWAKE TN	https://www.awaketn.org/	@AwakeTN	@awaketn	@awaketn
The Education Trust in Tennessee	https://edtrust.org/tennessee/	@EdTrustTN	@edtrusttn	
FUTURO	https://www.futuroisnow.com/	@futuroisnow	@_futuroisnow	@_futuroisnow
My Brother's Keeper	https://mbknashville.weebly.com/			@MBKNashville
Moms for Social Justice Chattanooga	https://www.momsforsocialjustice.us/	@momsforsj	@msjchatt	@msjchatt
Nashville Teacher Residency	https://www.nashvilleteacherresidency.org/	@NashTeacherRes	@nashvilleteacherres	@nashvilleteacherresidency
National Center for Youth Law	https://youthlaw.org/	@ncylnews	@ncylnews	

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TN NAACP	https://www.tnnaacp.org/index.html	@NaacpTn		@naacp
RALLY	https://wearerally.com/about/	@wearerally	@wearerally	
Relay Graduate School of Education	https://www.relay.edu/	@relaygse	@relaygse	@relaygse
Stand for Children Tennessee	https://stand.org/tennessee/	@TennesseeStand	@standtn	@standtennessee
TN Association of School Librarians TN Library Ecosystem Coalition	https://www.tasltn.org/	@TASLTN	@tasltn	@tasl.tn
TN Educators of Color Alliance	https://www.tneca.org/	@TNEdColorAllies	@tnedcoloralliance	@TennesseeEducatorsofColor
Tennessee Education Association	https://tnea.org/	@TEA_teachers	@TEA_teachers	@TEA_teachers
TN Library Association	http://tnla.org/	@TNLA		@TNLA
Tennessee Youth Coalition		@_tnyouthcoalition	@tn_youthcoalition	
Urban League of Middle Tennessee	https://www.ulmt.org/	@UrbanLeagueMT	@urbanleagueofmidtn	@UrbanLeagueMidTN
Volunteer State of Biliteracy	https://www.volstate Seal.org/	@VolStateSeal		
WilCo Iris	http://wilcoiris.org		@wilco_iros	
YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee	https://www.ywcanashville.com/	@ywcanashville	@YWCANashville	@ywcanashville