
PARENTAL OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC COURSE MATERIAL

The Board recognizes that there may be specific course materials which some parents/guardians find objectionable.

The District will provide parents and legal guardians not less than two (2) weeks advance notice of curriculum course material used for instruction of human sexuality or human sexual education. Notice shall be provided electronically or in writing.

In the event a parent/guardian finds specific course material objectionable, the parent/guardian may notify the building principal of the specific material to which they object and request that the student receive alternative instruction, sufficient to enable the child to meet State requirements for education in the particular subject area. This notification and request shall be in writing.

The building principal, acting on behalf of the District, and the parent must mutually agree to the alternative instruction. The alternative instruction agreed upon must meet State minimum standards. Any cost associated with the alternative instruction shall be borne by the parent/guardian. No alternative instruction shall create an undue burden for a teacher in meeting the needs of his or her class.

School district staff will make reasonable efforts, within the scope of existing time, schedules, resources and other duties, to accommodate alternative instruction for the student. Alternative instruction may be provided by the school, through approved independent study, or through other methods agreed to by the parent/guardian and the building principal, acting on behalf of the District.

The parent/guardian is responsible for providing appropriate documentation that the alternative instruction, has been completed as agreed.

If a principal, acting on behalf of the District, denies a parent/guardian's proposal for alternative instruction and they cannot agree on another acceptable alternative, the parent may appeal the denial to the Superintendent.

If the Superintendent denies a parent/guardian's proposal for alternative instruction and they cannot agree on another acceptable alternative, the parent may appeal the denial to the Board of Education whose decision will be final.

The name of the parent or legal guardian shall not be public information and shall be excluded from access under RSA 91-A.

In accordance with the federal Protection of Pupil Rights statute, as a School district that receives federal Department of Education funds, the Superintendent shall develop procedures to allow parent/guardian of a student to inspect any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum for the student. The procedures will provide reasonable access to instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the request is received.

Legal References:

RSA 186:11, IX-c, State Board of Education; Duties
RSA 193:40, Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination

Legal References Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to

enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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