

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

In the event a parent/legal guardian finds specific course material objectionable, the parent/legal guardian may notify the building principal of the specific material to which they object and request that the student receive instruction with alternative materials, 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 and the parent/legal guardian must mutually agree to the alternative instruction. The instruction with alternative materials agreed upon must meet state minimum standards.

Only upon mutual agreement, school district staff will make reasonable efforts, within the scope of existing time, schedules, resources and other duties, to accommodate instruction with alternative materials for the student. Alternative instruction may be provided by the school, through approved independent study, or through other methods agreed to by the parent/legal guardian and the building principal. Any cost associated with the alternative materials and/or instruction shall be borne by the parent/legal guardian.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed as giving parents/legal guardians the right to appeal to the Superintendent and/or school board.

In accordance with the federal Protection of Pupil Rights statute, a School District that receives federal Department of Education funds, the Superintendent shall develop procedures to allow parents/legal guardians 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 materials within a reasonable period of time after the request is received.

Parents who wish for particular instructional material be reviewed for appropriateness may submit a request for review in accordance with Board Policy KEC.

Specific requirements for Instruction of Human Sexuality or Human Sexual Education

Parents/legal guardians shall be notified by email, other written means, website/or phone call not less than two (2) weeks in advance of use of the curriculum course material to be used for instruction of human sexuality or human sexual education, that the material is available for inspection at the school. The notice shall identify and provide contact information for the member of staff or faculty a parent/legal guardian should contact to arrange an opportunity to inspect a curriculum course material.

Legal Reference: RSA 186:11, IX-c, State Board of Education; Duties
20 U.S.C. Section 1232h, (c), (1), (C) Protection of Pupil Rights

Appendix Reference:

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