

To:

School Name:

Address:

Subject: Notice of Religious Objection and Request for Curriculum Opt-Out

Student Name:

Grade:

Dear

I am the parent/legal guardian of the student named above.

I am writing to formally object, on the basis of my sincerely held religious beliefs, to my child's participation in the following instructional material(s) or lesson(s), regardless of media type:

Note: Media type includes, but is not limited to, physical and digital textbooks/curriculum, handouts, surveys, free reading books, classroom choice reading library material, school library material, guest presentations, etc.

- a. That presents gender identity/expression or sexual orientation in a way that conflicts with my religious teaching that 1) there are only two sexes, male (man) and female (woman), assigned at conception by God, our maker, and 2) that marriage is a perfect union between a man and a woman, none other
- b. That depicts same-sex romantic relationships
- c. That depicts sex and sexuality, or out of wedlock sexual relationships, etc.
- d. That depicts rape, sodomy, incest, or promotes alcohol or drug use
- e. That promotes preferred pronoun us
- f. That promotes "White Privilege" or "unconscious bias"
- g. That promotes Social Emotional Learning (SEL) as defined by the Federal Government
- h. That promotes Diversity, Equity and Inclusion/Acceptance (DEI/DEA) as defined by the Federal Government
- i. That promotes Critical Race Theory (CRT) as defined by the Federal Government

j. Sexual Education Curriculum as approved by the school district's Sex Education Advisory Board

This objection is made in accordance with my constitutional right to religious freedom and is supported by the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Mahmoud v. Taylor* (2025), which affirmed that public schools must reasonably accommodate religious and moral objections by providing notice and a non-punitive opt-out option for affected students. Therefore, I respectfully request the following:

1. That my child be excused and removed from exposure to or participation in the content described above;
2. That my child not be penalized academically or otherwise for opting out;
3. That, if necessary, an alternative educational activity or comparable assignment be provided;
4. That I be notified in advance of any instructional materials or lessons involving similar themes that may raise religious concerns, in accordance with the principle of prior notice affirmed by *Mahmoud v. Taylor*.
 - 4.1 When notification is necessary, in order to make an informed decision, I will need to know what materials are going to be used and will require the following:
 - 4.1.1 A list of all printed materials (books, handouts, classroom choice reading library media, etc.), including name, author and publisher (if available) that will be taught in the coming year or available for access by my child; and
 - 4.1.2 A list of all digital lessons and digital teaching materials, including software and applications, to be used in the classroom, including, when available, links thereto
 - 4.2 Because this request is pursuant to and necessary to effectuate a well-established first amendment constitutional right, there should be no fee for this request. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes. The material can be provided for review in the form of hard copies or electronic versions. A delivery method needs to be provided that does not place an undue burden on me for completing the review; for example, it is unacceptable to only allow me to review the material by coming into the school. An acceptable method of delivery is to provide an electronic repository (e.g. Google Drive, OneDrive, or other internet accessible location) where the material will be stored.

I am further exercising my right to opt-out my child from mandatory preferred pronoun usage and shared-sex bathroom and locker room policies at their public school, which are predicated on the district leadership's beliefs about gender identity/expression that run contrary to our religion and are a violation of both constitutional and statutory law.

Please confirm in writing that this request will be honored and provide information on how the school intends to accommodate my child during the lessons in question.

Thank you for respecting my family's values while continuing to provide a supportive and respectful learning environment for all students.

Sincerely,

Parent/Guardian of

Email:

Phone: