PARENTAL OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC COURSE MATERIAL

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

A parent may object to specific course material, and request alternative instruction by submitting a written objection and request to the building principal. Alternative instruction, sufficient to meet State Minimum Standards, shall be provided if the parent and building principal agree upon such alternative instruction.

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. Any cost associated with the alternative instruction shall be borne by the parent.

The School District shall provide parents or legal guardians with at least two weeks advance notice for the instruction of human sexuality. The notice may be part of the overall course and curriculum outline at the beginning of the course, it may be a separate notice, or may be a notification about an upcoming classroom presentation. The intent of the policy is to require notification in sexual education classes, health classes, and biology classes. It does not require notification if it might be discussed as part of a literature class or other classes.

See Board Policy IIAC-E, Policy on Reconsideration of Library or Classroom Materials

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