

Concord School District Policy #650
Parental Request for Alternative Course Material

The School Board recognizes that there may be specific course materials which a parent or guardian finds objectionable for their student.

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 and the parent must mutually agree to the alternative instruction. The alternative instruction agreed upon must meet state minimum standards.

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 method agreed to by the parent/guardian and the building Principal. Any cost associated with the alternative instruction shall be borne by the parent.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed as giving parents/guardians the right to appeal to the Board.

Parents who wish for particular instructional material to be reviewed for appropriateness may submit a request for review in accordance with Board Policy 651 Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials.

Parents and legal guardians shall be notified by e-mail, other written means, website/social media posting, 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 will identify and provide contact information for the member of staff or faculty a parent or guardian should contact to arrange an opportunity to inspect the curriculum course material.

The name of the parent or legal guardian and any specific reasons disclosed to school officials for the objection to the material 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.

Any cost associated with the alternative course materials shall be borne by the parent or guardian.

Legal References:

RSA 186:11, IX-c & IX-e State Board of Education; Duties.

20 U.S.C §1232h, (c)(1)(C), Protection of pupil rights

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