

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION IN THE ALTUS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The board of education, in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, has developed and adopted this policy to promote and encourage the involvement of parents and guardians of children within the school district.

1. Parent participation in the schools is encouraged to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance and discipline. At the beginning of each school year each teacher shall provide parents with contact information so that a parent has the opportunity to contact the teacher or administration to address concerns related to homework, attendance and discipline.
2. Parents may request additional information from the administration to learn about the course of study for their children and review learning materials, including the source of any supplemental educational materials.
3. Parents who object to any learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful may withdraw their children from the activity or from the class or program in which the material is used. Objection to a learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful includes objection to a material or activity because it questions beliefs or practices in sex, morality or religion. Parents are hereby informed that the withdrawal of a child from any state mandated courses could prevent their child from being eligible to receive a high school diploma.
4. If the school district offers any sex education curricula pursuant to Section 11-105.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or pursuant to any rules adopted by the State Board of Education, parents may opt their child out of sex education instruction if the child's parent provides written objection to the child's participation in the sex education curricula.
5. Parents are hereby notified and given the opportunity to withdraw their children from any instruction or presentations regarding sexuality in courses other than formal sex education curricula pursuant to Section 11-105.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

6. Parents may learn about the nature and purpose of clubs and activities that are part of the school curriculum, as well as extracurricular clubs and activities that have been approved by the school. A list of school clubs that have been approved by the board of education is available from the administration upon request.
  
7. Specific parent rights and responsibilities provided under the laws of this state, include the following:
  - a. the right to opt out of a sex education curriculum if one is provided by the school district.
  - b. open enrollment rights.
  - c. the right to opt out of assignments.
  - d. the right to be exempt from the immunization laws of the state pursuant to Section 1210.192 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
  - e. the promotion requirements prescribed in Section 1210.508E of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
  - f. the minimum course of study and competency requirements for graduation from high school prescribed in Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
  - g. the right to opt out of instruction on the acquired immune deficiency syndrome pursuant to Section 11-103.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
  - h. the right to review test results.
  - i. the right to inspect instructional materials used in connection with any research or experimentation program or project pursuant to Section 11-106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
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  - k. the right to receive a school report card.
  - l. the attendance requirements prescribed in section 10-106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
  - m. the right to public review of courses of study and textbooks.

- n. the right to be excused from school attendance for religious purposes.
- o. policies related to parental involvement pursuant to this section.
- p. the right to participate in parent-teacher associations and organizations that are sanctioned by the board of education of a school district, and
- q. the right to opt out of any data collection instrument at the district level that would capture data for inclusion in the state longitudinal student data system except what is necessary and essential for establishing a student's public school record.

Parents may submit a written request for information during regular business hours to either the school principal at the school site or the superintendent at the office of the school district. Within ten (10) days of receiving the request for information, the school principal or superintendent, shall deliver the requested information to the parent or provide a written explanation of the reasons for the denial of the requested information. If the request is denied or the parent does not receive the requested information within fifteen (15) days after submitting the request, the parent may submit a written request for the information to the board of education. The board of education shall formally consider the request at the next scheduled public meeting if the request can be properly noticed on the agenda. If the request cannot be properly noticed on the agenda, the board of education shall formally consider the request at the next subsequent meeting of the board of education.

Legal References:        70 O.S. § 10-106  
                                  70 O.S. § 11-103.3  
                                  70 O.S. § 11-103.6  
                                  70 O.S. § 11-105.1  
                                  70 O.S. § 11-106  
                                  70 O.S. § 1210.192  
                                  70 O.S. § 1210.301 through § 1210.308  
                                  70 O.S. § 1210.508E