



Request for Waiver of Participation

Dear Principal _____,

Instructional activities in the Davis School District are aligned to the Utah Core Standards, Utah’s Portrait of a Graduate, and the Davis School District Strategic Plan. When state or federal laws require parental notification and/or permission for specific instructional content or activities, Davis School District implements existing policy, as found in section 14 of 11IR-107 *Recognizing Constitutional Freedoms in Public Schools*. Specifically,

While the District acknowledges its obligation to be sensitive and fair toward the personal rights and beliefs of all individuals, merely exposing students to ideas that may offend the religion does not amount to a substantial burden on their religious exercise... A claimed infringement must rise to a level of belief that the school requirement violates a superior duty which is more than personal preference.”

Pursuant to Utah Code §53G-10-205 and District Policy 11IR-107, I have determined that my student’s participation in the class or activity described below would require my student to affirm or deny a religious belief or right of conscience, or to engage in or refrain from engaging in a practice forbidden or required in the exercise of a religious right or right of conscience. Therefore, I am requesting a waiver of the requirement to participate or an alternative that requires reasonably equivalent performance of the objectives of the class or activity in question.

In the lines below, please describe the portion of the class or activity for which you are requesting a waiver or reasonable alternative. Requests must relate to a specific class or activity. Requests that are not reasonably related to a specific class or activity will either not be granted or require further explanation during a meeting with the principal.

Portion of the class or activity for which I am requesting a waiver or reasonable alternative:

Approximate date/s of the above-mentioned instruction (if known): _____

Teacher delivering the above-mentioned instruction: _____

Thank you,

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

School Use Only

I have reviewed the above request and determined that:

- Participation will be waived, and no other alternative activity or assignment will be required.
- The request for waiver is denied and participation in the above-described class or activity is required. If the request for waiver is denied, parent has been notified.
- A reasonable alternative will be required, which is described as follows:

Administrator Signature: _____

Date: _____