



UPPER ARLINGTON SCHOOLS

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Opting Out of Specific Aspects of The Educational Program

The Board of Education recognizes that a course of study or certain instructional materials may contain content and/or activities that some parents find objectionable. Parents / legal guardians may inspect, upon request, the lesson and/or materials for any content or activities that might conflict with religious beliefs or value systems.

Here are the proactive steps you can take as a parent/guardian:

1. Preview our academic program web pages, which include the learning standards and resources used throughout the district, to familiarize yourself with the content that will be studied throughout the year.
2. Review all information provided by the teacher(s) throughout the school year.
3. If you have questions or concerns about a lesson, topic or instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum, contact the building principal to request a review, by completing this form.
4. If after careful review of the information you determine the content or activities of a lesson or instructional materials conflict with your religious beliefs or value system and want to excuse your child from participation, you must submit your request in writing to the building principal.

Clarifications:

- A. Opting your child out of a specific lesson or instructional materials does not excuse them from the course.
- B. Students will be provided alternate learning activities and locations during times of such parent / guardian request for absence from a lesson, topic or resource. These will be chosen and assigned in the sole discretion of the building principal or other administrator. .
- C. This procedure must be followed for each specific lesson, topic, or instructional material within each course in which a student is enrolled.