

## **PARENTAL OBJECTION TO SPECIFIC COURSE MATERIAL**

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

In the event a parent/guardian finds specific course material objectionable, they may notify the building principal in writing of the specific material to which they object and request that the student receive alternative course material. The alternative must be sufficient to enable the child to meet state minimum standards for education in the particular subject area and must be mutually agreed upon by the parent/guardian and the building principal or designee. The parent/guardian shall not be required to provide a reason for objecting to the materials. Names and reasons for objections, if provided, shall not be public information.

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

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

Parents/guardians who wish for particular instructional material to be reviewed for appropriateness may submit a request for review.

In accordance with the federal Protection of Pupil Rights statute, as a School District that receives federal Department of Education funds, and NH RSA 186:11, IX-c, the Superintendent shall develop procedures to allow the parent/guardian of a student to inspect any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum for the student. The procedures will provide access to the requested instructional material promptly (as is reasonable under the circumstances).

**NOTE:** Regarding human sexuality and human sexual education: In addition to the protections under this policy, per RSA 186:11, IX-c and Board policy IHAM, parents/guardians are afforded additional affirmative rights with respect to instruction or program of human sexuality, human sexual education, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression, including, among other things, the right to receive a minimum of 2 weeks advance notice of any curriculum course material to be used with respect to such instruction or program. Such notice will be delivered via email, other direct written means, website/social media posting, or phone call. As indicated in RSA 186:11, IX-c, no notice is required if the District employee is responding to a question from a student during class.

**Legal References:**

*RSA 186:11, IX-c,*

*RSA 193:40*

*20 U.S.C §1232h, (c)(1)(C)*

*State Board of Education; Duties.*

*Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination*

*Protection of Pupil Rights*

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