

Request for Religious Opt-Out from Specific Curriculum Content

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Date of Request: _____

School: _____

Basis for Request

Please explain the basis for your request that your child opt-out of specific curriculum content:

Identification of Specific Content

In the space below, you must identify with the course title that includes the content you believe imposes a substantial burden on your sincerely held religious beliefs. You must also provide a clear and detailed description of the specific lesson, unit, instructional material, or activity in question, including any relevant dates, titles, or other identifying information, after reviewing the curriculum material made available to you to review.

Requests that are vague, overly broad, or lacking sufficient detail may be denied or returned for clarification. Likewise, the District reserves the right to deny any request that is based on general educational disagreements, pedagogical preferences, philosophical views, or personal opinions, rather than sincerely held religious beliefs.

Please be advised if the request is approved, the District will determine how to continue to provide educational services, which will vary depending on the scope of the curriculum that the student is opted out from.

Course Title: _____

Specific Lesson, Unit Portion, or Instructional Material: _____

Grounds for Denial of Request

A request for religious opt-out may be denied or returned for clarification if it does not clearly identify the specific course, lesson, activity, or instructional material at issue, or if it lacks sufficient detail to allow for meaningful review. Requests that are based on general educational disagreements, pedagogical preferences, philosophical views, or personal opinions, rather than sincerely held religious beliefs, do not qualify for exclusion under the *Mahmoud v. Taylor* standard. Requests that seek to opt-out of an entire course, subject area, or broad category of instruction without narrowly identifying a specific conflict may be rejected as overbroad.

Additionally, a request may be denied if granting it would prevent the school from fulfilling essential educational, legal, or safety obligations required by federal or state law. Parents or guardians will be notified if a request is denied or returned for clarification and may submit additional information as appropriate.

Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that this request is limited in scope and made in good faith based on my sincerely held religious beliefs. I understand that my child will not be penalized for exercising this right. I affirm that the information submitted in this request is true and accurate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOR COMPLETION BY DISTRICT OPT-OUT COORDINATOR/DESIGNEE ONLY

Date of Communication with Parent/Guardian: _____

Date of Parent/Guardian Curriculum Review: _____

Approved

Request for Clarification: _____

Denial: _____

Accommodations: _____
