

Student Opt Out Process

In the event that families wish to opt their child(ren) out of any content due to religious reasons we recommend the following process.

1. If families are concerned about a unit they should meet with the classroom teacher at least two weeks prior to the beginning of that unit. During this time, parents should discuss and preview the unit with the teacher and/or building grade level teachers. We feel that this is an important step in the process to ensure that parents understand what is truly in each lesson. During this time it may be possible for the parent and teacher to find a solution to any objectionable content that does not require the student being removed from the classroom. We would like to recommend the following considerations.
 - a. Which parts of the lesson does the parent find objectionable? Lessons often address more than one skill area (spelling, grammar, comprehension, writing, etc.) and they may not all be issues in the eyes of the parent.
 - b. Could the parent concerns be addressed in a way that does not require removing the child from the classroom? For example, some of the discussion questions could be altered or omitted.
 - c. Teachers and parents should be sure to examine all materials associated with the lesson in question including readers, workbook pages, and assessments.
2. If upon viewing the content parents still feel that they would like their child removed from the classroom during a particular lesson they should continue with policy IKDA and fill out the form that will be submitted to the building principal. When filling out this form, it is important that parents be as detailed as possible.
3. [Board Policy IKDA](#)
4. Opt Out Form: [IKDA Opt Out Form](#)

Students Who Are Opted Out

What an opted-out student will do if they are removed from the classroom is ultimately up to the individual school and teacher. An opted-out student is to be removed from the room for only part of the lesson that pertains to the subject they have been opted out of, they will return to the classroom upon completion of that portion of the lesson. The student will be provided with alternative instruction that covers similar standards of the opted-out instruction.